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Reaction to board's vote on chief

Bethel Finance Officer Nesta Littlefield comforts Police Officer Rusty Daley, as he wipes away tears following the Bethel Board of Selectmen's vote to uphold the firing of Police Chief Darren Tripp. Immediately following the vote, officers Nate Wight and Patrick Moore walked up to the selectmen's table and tossed their badges on it. Many residents in the CPS gymnasium — who had remained silent until that point — broke out in applause at the officers' gesture. The following day at least two other part-time officers quit the force. Bethel Town Manager Scott Cole, who fired Tripp, told a Sun-Journal reporter the actions of the officers who quit the force showed: "they were all serving a person, not the Bethel community, and we don't want officers like that. We want officers who will serve the community." On page two of this week's Citizen, three of those officers give their own views on the matter.

(Photo by M. Daniels)



Project opportunity pushes to get more Telstar graduates to college

By ALISON ALOISIO
Now that a formal survey of the Telstar Class of 2003 has confirmed a significant number of graduates did not follow through on their plans to go to college, Project Opportunity is gearing up to use that information to help future classes.

Ted Davis, Project Opportunity executive director, presented the results of the survey to the SAD44 School Board last week. The information will provide a base-

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Town Meetings:

Andover to reconsider revaluation

By ALISON ALOISIO

At their annual Town Meeting Saturday, Andover voters will once again be asked to consider if it is time for real estate in town to be revalued.

The article is one of 68 to be considered at the meeting. If all are approved, the total municipal budget would be \$746,005, up from last year's \$624,269, according to selectman Laura Hutchins.

Real estate sale prices up

A \$50,000 revaluation proposal was defeated at last year's Town Meeting. The plan in front of voters this year calls for raising \$25,000 in each of the next two years.

Hutchins said Andover's last revaluation took place in 1991. The state recommends revaluations every 10 years.

She said that like many other towns in the region, Andover now has an increasing number of properties that

are selling at prices much higher than their valuations.

An active real estate market is driving prices up, she

Voters also asked

to see to Town Hall windows

said, and a revaluation would reflect that and distribute taxes more fairly.

Hall and cemetery work

Townspeople will also take up the issues of repairs and improvements at the Town Hall and cemetery.

Voters last year defeated an article for \$10,000 to replace the Town Hall windows, and instead established a committee to study options.

Information on two options will be presented at the meeting. One proposal is to replace the windows, and another to

restore the existing windows and add new storm/screen windows.

Also up for a vote is whether to close the Town Hall during the coldest months of the year, December through February.

Hutchins said there is a continuing problem with pipes freezing in the winter, and closing it down is one solution.

Another article proposes the establishment of a Town Hall Committee to develop a long-range plan for the building.

Residents will consider two articles on a continuing project to repair or replace the iron fencing at the cemetery.

One article proposes \$6,200 for work on 100 feet of fence. Another proposes \$5,000 to repair two drive-through gates and the Mollyockett

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Local company opening gates to world of open source technologies

THE OPEN SOURCE OPTION—
Jeremy Stark and
Lucia Columbaro
at their Deximer
office on Main Street
in Bethel.

(Photo by
A. Aloisio)



Telstar Regional Middle/High School

You are invited to Parent-Teacher Conferences March 24 & 25 between 5:30 & 9 pm

Interested parents/guardians are asked to call the school office at 824-2136, ext. 305 to schedule a conference time.

All conferences will last 15 minutes each.

You are encouraged to bring your student.

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every few years, as the technology becomes obsolete.

But Deximer offers an alternative: keep the old computer terminals, hook them up to a new server that will do all the work, and use new software that can be obtained for free.

That's what Stark and company did for SAD61 in Bridgton. "They had 15 or 20 computers that were about to be decommissioned," he said.

Instead, the old terminals were resurrected to simply provide individual connections to the new server, which runs the programs the desk

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Bethel Rec Board BASEBALL, SOFTBALL & T-BALL SIGN-UPS

Saturday, March 20

9am-Noon

at Gould Academy Field House

Girls interested in playing softball must register at this time.

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Rotary Country Breakfast

Gould Academy
Ordway Dining Hall
Sunday, March 21
7:30-11am

All-You-Can-Eat Buffet to benefit Scholarships & Community Projects.

Adults \$6.00

Under 12 \$3.00

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Letters

TIME FOR TOWN MANAGER TO GO

To the Editor:

I am sorry that this has to be said, but someone has to say it. Did anyone expect a different fate for Darren Tripp? It seems all too clear to the people of Bethel that Dresser, Brown and Barth are in the pocket of Scott Cole. We knew what the outcome of this hearing would be long before it happened.

Why do the people of Bethel allow themselves to be railroaded by the likes of Dresser, Brown, Barth and Cole? It's time for someone to go and it is not Darren Tripp.

I say let's get rid of the co-conspirators and start over. It's clear that Mr. Cole has no respect for the citizens of Bethel. We nixed his hairbrained scheme to get rid of the Bethel Police Department so he's trying his best to circumvent us by going through the back door.

Does Scott Cole really believe we, the people, cannot see through his childish, get your own way actions?

It is definitely time for Scott Cole to be ousted as Bethel Town Manager and to bring in someone with a reputation of true values and fair play.

A town manager helps make a good town, by being someone who listens to its people and respects their vote and wishes. Instead Bethel has a manager who has brought nothing but ridicule and disgrace to the office and to our town.

Stormi Wing
Bethel

BIRDS OF PREY PROGRAM

To the Editor:

The Mahoosuc Land Trust will offer the third program in its Local Knowledge series on March 24 at 7 p.m. in Bingham Auditorium on the Gould Academy campus. The Chewonki Foundation in Wiscasset will present Birds of Prey. The speaker will compare and contrast the special hunting adaptations of nocturnal and diurnal raptors, their talons, sharp, curved beaks, and wing and tail shapes. Participants will have the opportunity to see four of the foundation's live, non-releasable birds of prey. They will also handle and examine feet, wings and skull specimens.

The final program of this series will feature Jennifer Loomis, award-winning wildlife photographer, in April.

The Mahoosuc Land Trust offers the Local Knowledge series to the public free of charge. Join us on March 24 for Birds of Prey.

Frank A. Vogt
for Mahoosuc Land Trust

WORKSHOP FOR WRITERS

To the Editor:

On April 15 and 22 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., senior prose writers from the area will have a chance to gather and learn more about forming an ongoing group meeting to share and critique each other's writings.

After attending the USM Coast Writer's program last summer, I was encouraged to start a writer's group. The Senior College Board was very receptive to this idea and has contacted Lucia Owen to conduct this initial workshop.

Lucia has had 35 years of teaching English. She has taught the writing process for the College of Lifelong Learning, spent time at the Bard College Institute for Writing and Thinking and worked with creative writing with both teens and adults. She will offer valuable insight for those of us who want to keep motivated, receive feedback from other senior writers in a constructive environment and decide on the format of future sessions.

Anyone who writes in any prose genre, fiction or non-fiction, whether publication is a goal or not, and is interested in finding a continuing workshop, is invited to attend these initial sessions.

In the first session, we will work on putting together a format for conducting a continuing writers' workshop and discuss methods for success. In the second session, we will put into practice the format worked out in the first session and come up with a process that most closely fits everyone's needs and expectations.

Interested senior college members and prospective members may register and obtain more information on April 1 at the Robinson House on Broad Street from 2 to 4 p.m. The fee for the two-day workshop is \$10 to cover cost of materials.

Rosabelle M. Tiffet
Bethel

HANOVER G.O.P. CAUCUS

To the Editor:

All registered Hanover Republicans to caucus at the home of Norm and Barbara Ferguson on Sunday, March 21 at 7 p.m.

The purpose of the caucus is to elect delegates and alternates to the Republican State Convention. The convention this year will be held at the Augusta Civic Center on May 14 and 15. Other business will be to organize the Hanover Committee and nominate members to the Oxford County Committee.

All Hanover Republicans and interested citizens are invited to attend.

Paul Ramsey
Chairman, Hanover Republican Committee

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DECISION BELONGS IN THE HANDS OF VOTERS

To the Editor:

First and foremost Haley and I would like to forward our deepest appreciation for the continuous support that we have been shown by the citizens of Bethel throughout this most trying time of your lives. I truly do not know how we would have survived without the knowledge that the taxpayers of this town not only supported but appreciated the job I have done as a law enforcement officer. The calls, cards, e-mails, and personal contacts have confirmed my belief that I made the right decision when I returned home to the area nearly 15 years ago to start my career.

I have been asked many times since my appeal of Mr. Cole's firing failed at the hands of the selectmen last Thursday if there was anything more I could do. It is obvious that the selectmen did not act as many townspeople thought they should have. Be that as it may, they made their decision and they will have to live with it.

Haley and I have researched and found the laws governing the procedures, which would allow the registered voters to decide my fate as the police chief through a public hearing and special town meeting. On Monday, March 15, 2004 I made a request to the Board of Selectmen that they schedule a public hearing and subsequent special town meeting in order for you to vote whether to uphold or overturn Mr. Cole's action. Unfortunately they denied that request. This, however, is not the end. Included in these laws is the procedure to follow when the governing body denies the request, which includes circulating a petition which would allow a public hearing and special town meeting to be held regardless of the board's decision.

Haley and I intend to continue this struggle no matter how long it takes to have this issue placed in the hands of the voters. Only the selectmen can answer why they do not want this to happen.

And as for Mr. Cole's reported comments regarding the officers who resigned — he is wrong: the members of the Bethel Police Department have always worked for the community, they reported to me, but they knew, as did I that their responsibility was to protect and serve the community. The fact that they felt compelled to resign after my appeal failed is not a poor reflection on them but quite the contrary; it is a reflection on the town manager.

In closing, I would like to remind the citizens of this fine town that in 1998 I made the statement when I was appointed police chief that it was my intention to retire from law enforcement as the chief of the Bethel Police Department. I hope that that will not be in February of 2004. With your continued support I feel that I will be back to serve you as I have done for the past 15 years.

Darren M. Tripp
Bethel

SO, MR. COLE DOESN'T WANT AN OFFICER LIKE ME

To the Editor:

What kind of officer am I? Let's see ... I have 11 years of law enforcement experience, I have worked as a confidential informant, I graduated at the very top of my academy class in both Ohio and Maine. In Ohio, I was the first cadet in academy history to receive the academy commander's personal recommendation and I received the highest score in the state's final exam.

I've worked as a foot patrol officer in the ghetto of Cincinnati, Ohio. I was a member of a tactical response team. A police sniper/spotter, a trainer, a member of a marijuana eradication team, and a member of the U.S. Route 23, Drug Pipeline Task Force. A server of "High Risk" felony warrants. I've worked covert surveillance for the Ohio Department of Public Safety Investigations Division. I was recommended for the state of Ohio's Meritorious Life Saving Award and have numerous letters of recommendation.

The Bethel town manager may not want me as an officer, but President Bill Clinton did. Not once but twice for his Presidential Security Service.

All of this experience earned me a wage of \$8.50 an hour from the town of Bethel. We don't even get paid overtime wages until we reach 46 hours in a work week. Retirement benefits? No, not in Bethel. I'd say I gave the town of Bethel a pretty good deal. All of this I did for one reason: the opportunity to work with Chief Darren Tripp.

You don't want officers like me? What makes him think that Bethel wants a town manager like him? A little arrogant?

In closing, I would ask that Mr. Cole refrain from any further comments about the character of past members of the Bethel Police Department.

Loyalty above all else, but honor.

Heath McDonald
Dixfield, former member of Bethel Police Department

WHY I RESIGNED

To the Editor:

I have been a police officer for the people of Bethel for the past six years. It is a job I did not take lightly and have felt honored by your treatment of me during this time. Law enforcement is a thankless job and people often overlook or are unaware of how difficult and stressful it can be. My decision to resign from the police department last Thursday night was not an easy one for me to make. As a police officer for Bethel I dedicated my job and life to every call I answered while on duty. I did not work for myself or for the chief, I worked for you.

I resigned for two reasons. First, I have a full-time job elsewhere and therefore have had less time available to devote to the department. Second, I can no longer work for the present town administration. I can no longer do my job effectively when my, and my fellow officers' training and law enforcement experience continue to be second-guessed. Think about how this type of treatment would affect you at your job. Now imagine that your job involves risking your life to protect the lives of others.

Again, I thank the townspeople of Bethel for their support and now join them, as a citizen of this town, in supporting our police department.

Nathan N. Wight
Bethel, former member of the Bethel Police Department

RECOMMENDS A VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE

To the Editor:

I would like to thank the citizens of Bethel for allowing me to serve and protect them. I would also like to thank Jack Cross and Donnie Bennett for their support for Chief Darren Tripp. I, on the other hand, cannot and will not work for the town manager, Scott Cole. I am greatly disappointed in the other three selectmen's lack of support and am appalled at the fact that they believed two people's testimony over five other testimonies when in fact the two people who testified against Darren showed and admitted dislike for him and the Police Department.

I would like to touch upon Reggie Brown's comment about Darren's lawsuit against Cole and the town. When Darren returned to work after a 33-day unjustified suspension, he went to the selectmen on two occasions to recover just his legal fees. On both occasions, he was told absolutely not and that they had no interest in paying. Darren had no other alternative other than to file a lawsuit against the town of Bethel for Scott Cole's conduct.

I will end with this — if I was a citizen of Bethel, I would start a petition of a vote of no-confidence in some selectmen and the town manager.

Patrick S. Moore
Newry, former member of the Bethel Police Department

CAREFULLY ORCHESTRATED

To the Editor:

The hearing about Chief Tripp held March 11 at the Crescent Park School gym was obviously carefully orchestrated, especially in "executive session."

It was interesting to hear the town clerk remembering the f-word Chief Tripp used in a conversation with her three years ago. This greatly distressed Dr. Dresser. F--- and f---ing are in my dictionary, which is a 1975 Random House. The words are identified as slang.

Although this exchange happened three years ago, it was stressed by Dr. Dresser as one of the reasons for his thumbs down.

Mary P. Leimbach
Bethel

Andover

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walk-in gate.

Road improvements

A plan to reclaim and repave several streets in town offers two options. Under the first, Maple, Pleasant and Oak streets and Stillman, Nevil and part of South Arm roads would be reclaimed and flexpaved at a cost of \$17,000. Under the second option, the same streets would be hot-topped instead of flexpaved, at a cost of \$25,000.

Hutchins said a flexpave project on Farmer's Hill Road had not proved very satisfactory, so selectmen wanted to offer two choices.

The meeting begins at 9 a.m.

Other items up for a vote include a 3 percent annual raise for town employees; \$1,500 to repair and paint the bandstand on the common; \$8,000 for the Bicentennial Committee; \$3,500 to replace the Town Hall furnace, or \$1,000 to repair it; and a total of \$14,000 for recreation (under several articles).

Article 68 proposes to take \$50,000 from surplus to reduce taxes. Hutchins said there is currently about \$152,000 in the Surplus Account. Last year, \$129,000 was taken from that account to reduce taxes.

Hutchins said a flexpave project on Farmer's Hill Road had not proved very satisfactory, so selectmen wanted to offer two choices.

The meeting begins at 9 a.m.

at the Town Hall. At noon, the Bicentennial Committee will sponsor a luncheon of hot dogs, baked beans, coleslaw and rolls for \$5 per person.

Elections Tuesday

Election of municipal officers will take place Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m., by secret ballot at the Town Hall.

Hutchins' seat on the Board of Selectmen is up for a vote. She will run again, and be opposed by Gerald Savitz.

Kelly Scotti's seat on the School Board is also up for a vote. She will be a write-in candidate. No one else has declared formal candidacy.

Our Back

Pages

Compiled by JOHN K. BROWN

10 years ago: According to a local police spokesman, broken windows at the W.J. Wheeler insurance office and the Bethel police department, both located in the Cole Block, were the aftermath of a domestic dispute originating in Rumford.

Teams from the Telstar Middle School and Telstar High School placed first in Odyssey of the Mind competition in Farmington.

Delma F. McMillin, adjutant of the Bethel Memorial VFW Post 1263, had been appointed deputy chief of staff with the National Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

Births: Matthew Philip Keane, Joshua Christopher Bonney, Matthew James Bolen, Carson William McKay, James Arthur Lowell, Tyler Scott Brown.

20 years ago: Capt. John S. Harding retired from 22 years of service with the U.S. Air Force.

Bethel native Mary Anne Smith of Harrison announced her candidacy for the District 15 State Senate Seat.

At their annual meeting, Bethel voters approved appropriations totaling \$301,373.92 for municipal purposes.

Deaths: Emily Sears Ecker-Polak, Heidi Dawn Hefley.

Deaths: Mildred B. Chapman, Perien A. Dudley, Florence A. Burgess.

30 years ago: Bethel Republican Jay Willard had announced his candidacy for re-election to the State Legislature. He would be representing new House District 63.

The Telstar music department was hosting a joint choral concert with Lakes Regional High School.

Mrs. Mina Baker, a cook for 11 years at the West Paris elementary school, was honored on her birthday by the 175 students attending the first through sixth grades at the school.

Death:

Briefly

Administrative assistant to retire

NEWRY — Administrative Assistant Sylvia Gray told selectmen Tuesday she will retire July 1, after 15 years of working for the town in various capacities. She also currently serves as town clerk, treasurer and tax collector. Gray began working for Newry in 1989, as a secretary to the selectmen. Board members Tuesday indicated their interest in hiring Loretta Berry, who currently works as deputy clerk and tax collector, to replace her. Gray said Berry already knows much of what needs to be done in the job, and Gray will continue to train her in the coming months. Selectmen plan to advertise for a replacement for Berry in the near future. Gray's husband, Don, retired last fall after a long career with the Maine Warden Service.

Award nominations requested

BETHEL — On Friday, May 14, the 35th annual Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner will be held at the Grand Summit Hotel at Sunday River Ski Resort. The following awards will be presented: Henry H. Hastings Award for Citizenship, the Lifetime Achievement Award, the Business of the Year Award, the Forest Products Industry Award, the Public Service Award (for municipal employees/volunteers), and four Employee of the Year Awards (for Hospitality, Retail/Service, Education, and Ski Industry.) The chamber is accepting nominations for any of these awards but they must be submitted to the chamber office by Friday, April 2. They may be sent to Awards, P.O. Box 1247, Bethel, ME 04217. All are welcomed to attend the awards dinner. The cost is \$30 per person for a complete buffet dinner. Tables of eight are available for groups. Call the chamber office at 824-2282 for reservations or information.

Driver in deep manure after ride

NORWAY — An Auburn woman, her dog and her car came to rest in a manure pile at the Oxford County Fairgrounds after taking a wild ride through downtown Norway last Thursday. Kelly Croteau, 33, was arrested on a drunken driving charge. She drove her Kia across the schoolyard and parking lot of the Guy E. Rowe School and down over the school's three-foot granite wall, police said. She also struck and damaged two cars on streets along the way. Croteau eventually headed south on Route 26, then turned onto Pottle Road. She entered the fairgrounds through a gate. Workers closed the gate, unaware she was there, police said. A groundskeeper spotted her later driving around, and called police. When an officer arrived, he found her stuck on the manure pile, reading a book. Another officer who responded said the dog appeared glad to see police. Croteau was charged with two counts of leaving the scene of a property damage accident, reckless conduct with a dangerous weapon, criminal mischief, trespass by a motor vehicle and driving to endanger. A Rowe school official said later children had just come in from recess when Croteau drove through the school grounds.

Ladder truck voted down

CARRABASSETT VALLEY — Voters at last week's Town Meeting rejected a proposed purchase of a new ladder truck for the Fire Department. The \$655,000 truck would have replaced a 20-year-old vehicle. Residents debated the issue for more than an hour. The final vote was 62-30. Many voters said they felt the proposal needed more in-depth study.

Norway police chief suspended

NORWAY — Norway Police Chief Timothy Richards was put on paid administrative leave last week, pending the result of an investigation by Town Manager David Holt. Richards was at Bridgton District Court last Thursday for a hearing in connection with a protection from abuse order that was being sought by former Norway officer Cynthia Mitchell. She claimed he has harassed and threatened her, and had struck her on one occasion, when he was drunk. An agreement was reached under which a temporary order granted to Mitchell was extended for a year. If it had been made permanent, he would not be able to carry a gun, and could not work as a police officer. Because the court's action was not conclusive, Holt said, he needed to pursue his own investigation. In the past, Richards' ex-wife had reported similar behavior, and during their divorce proceedings he was arrested and put on paid leave. The Attorney General's office investigated that claim, but he was not prosecuted.

Jet ski ban voted down

WATERFORD — Town Meeting voters last week rejected a ban on jet skis on Keoka Lake, 40-38. Residents favoring the ban were concerned about noise and safety. Opponents expressed concern that a ban on the craft could be a first step toward banning snowmobiles or other watercraft.

Join Spring Fitness Program

RUMFORD — The Northern Oxford Wellness organization's Spring Fitness Program, a structured self-tracking exercise program, begins April 4. Participants receive a chart on which they log exercise activities that can include walking, gardening, biking, vacuuming, swimming, etc. The goal is three days a week of exercise. Each session should total 30 to 45 minutes. The program runs through May 29. Participants then turn their log sheets in to NOW, and may receive prizes for their efforts. Workplace teams are also encouraged. Anyone interested may attend an open house scheduled for April 1 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Mountain Valley High School. Registration sites also include Telstar, and Mills Market or the Andover General Store in Andover. For more information call 364-7408.

Learn about senior services

BETHEL — A March 26 seminar at the Nazarene Church, sponsored by SeniorsPlus, Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice and Community Concepts, will describe services available for area senior citizens. Topics covered will include Medicare; home health services; adult day and other Community Concepts services; legal services relating to Medicaid, Medicare, powers of attorney, living wills, overdue bills, debt collection, and scams issues; and Alzheimer's disease. The seminar, titled "Free Lunch & Learn Program," will take place from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For more information call Gerry Shimamura at 824-7289.

Scrapin' for Schools fundraiser

RUMFORD — The first annual Scrapin' For Schools will take place Saturday, April 3, to benefit three area elementary schools: Andover, Woodstock and St. Athanasius & St. John's of Rumford. This all-day event is for beginner and experienced scrapbookers and stampers, with various local businesses demonstrating new techniques and products. There will be die cutting, album embossing, photo restoration, lots of raffles and a door prize. The benefit will be held at St. Athanasius and St. John's Church Hall in Rumford from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost, including lunch, is \$20 if registered by March 27, or \$25 if registered after that.

From the Bethel Police Log:

Tuesday, March 9
At 8:30 a.m., a subject came into the office to reregister as a violent sex offender. The officer fingerprinted him.

Friday, March 12
At 2:50 p.m. Mark Hindman, 35, of Bethel was charged with operating an unregistered motor vehicle for more than 150 days.

Saturday, March 13
At 1:50 p.m. a firefighter asked police to come to Davis Park regarding two subjects that were walking on the Androscoggin River. The officer asked them to come off the ice, and told them it was not safe. They apologized and left the area.



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SUNDAY NASCAR Party on the Big Screen Bud & Bud Light Specials WIN \$50,000! Pick the top 10 cars	MONDAY BAHAMA MAMA MONDAY! DJ Dancing with international & hot reggae rhythms & tropical drink specials!	TUESDAY HOT WING SPECIAL with National Trivia Network Contests & Awards... What do you know? Compete in groups or individually.	WEDNESDAY MARGARITA MADNESS \$2.95

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Friday, March 19 JASON MISEROCCHI
Saturday, March 20 NOW IS NOW - ORIGINAL FOLK
Monday, March 22 LONG TRAIL PROMO NIGHT #2 DRAWS 6-8 - GIVEAWAYS!

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Deximer

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tops did before.

Now, said Stark, the school is conducting a graphics design class using the recycled equipment. He estimates the school system saved about \$10,000, even with his fee for technical support.

And there are savings in software, too, he said. Companies purchasing programs from Microsoft, for example, must pay a substantial licensing fee. But Deximer operates under the increasingly popular "open source" software approach.

In contrast to Microsoft policy, the computer code underlying open source software is made available to users so it can be tailored to the needs of individual companies.

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"The difference is that in the open source investment model, you can directly affect the development trends of the software you are using by communicating with the community that is creating it."

Businesses like his profit from the tech support and evaluation they provide. "We first do a technical assessment, evaluating (a company's) hardware status and application usage, then how they can utilize open source software," he said.

That's what he did for the Bethel Inn, where general manager Allen Connors had been looking at investing thousands of dollars to upgrade its Microsoft system.

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Woodstock Residents

The Annual Woodstock Town Meeting will be held on Monday, March 29, 2004 at 7pm at the Woodstock Elementary School. The Town Reports are now available and can be picked up at the town office if one has not been delivered to you.

Just a reminder that dog licenses are now overdue. There will be an additional fee of \$15 per dog after January 31, 2004, and for dogs still not registered on or before April 1, 2004 there will be a charge of \$25.

Notice to Veterans

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Police

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he begin advertising for a permanent new police chief.

Instead they instructed Cole to try to recruit an interim chief, someone who would fill in until at least the conclusion of Tripp's federal lawsuit against the town (which is not expected to go to court until the fall).

Cole said he has been contacted by three candidates who are interested in the position of chief. All had completed the Maine Criminal Justice Academy program.

But, he said, he did not know if any of the candidates would be interested in the chief's position on an interim, or acting, basis.

Until a chief is found, Officer Chuck Beale is acting head of the department.

Beale said that because he has not yet taken the MCJA course, there are some police-chief functions he is not allowed by law to perform, such as the investigation of suicides or unattended deaths.

He told the selectmen, how-

Late note: Ex-police chief Darren Tripp

took out papers Wednesday afternoon to run for selectman at Town Meeting in June. Two seats are open. Incumbent Don Bennett is expected to run again, but Al Barth has moved from town and will not run. Tripp said he wishes to continue to serve the town in some capacity, and if his attempt to overturn his firing proves unsuccessful, "I believe I can make a significant contribution on the Board of Selectmen."

ever, that he could manage the administrative duties involved in the day-to-day operation of the department.

But that is only until August, when he is scheduled to begin the 18-week MCJA course, he said.

"If this isn't cleared up by August," he told the selectmen, "there is no law enforcement in Bethel."

The selectmen on Monday

police coverage in Bethel.

"It has come to this selectman's attention that there seems to be the perception out there that somehow, somewhere there's a plan to dissolve or disband the Police Department.

"I know from this selectman's point of view that this is not true, and I don't believe after experiencing the overwhelming endorsement of the Police Department by the voters of Bethel that anyone else on the Board of Selectmen believes any differently. It's simply not true.

"I would ask my fellow board members to entertain a "Motion to Support for the Bethel Police Department" as a re-affirmation of the vote by the citizens of Bethel to keep their local Police Department.

"This is done with the sincere desire on my part to reassure residents that these wishes are fulfilled and the hope that a healing process can begin after a trying time."

Firing

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Board members Don Bennett and Jack Cross voted against upholding the firing.

Rings and a revision

The outcome appeared to hinge on two key issues:

- 1) whether or not the telephone did in fact ring, and
- 2) an alteration, requested by Tripp, to a letter from a technician at Oxford Networks regarding possible problems with the police station telephone.

Four of the selectmen (the majority plus Bennett) said they believed the telephone did ring.

A telephone log from Dispatch shows three calls made to the police station, and two staff members in the nearby town office said they heard the telephone ring.

But Tripp and Officer Phil Taylor, who were in the station at the time, said the telephone did not ring.

Resident Gayland Dooen, who said he was in the town office at the time, also said the police station telephone did not ring.

But the four selectmen concluded otherwise.

Two of the calls were for six seconds or less, which bothered Brown, but he said he believed the phone did ring, and that the answering

machine was being used to screen the calls.

"The phone did ring three different times," he concluded, "and the answering machine was being used to screen the calls. The lady from Dispatch said the most the phone rang was six times. That was on the 30-second call. I believe Darren told us [the answering machine] would have picked up after seven. If she'd had let it ring one more time, we probably wouldn't all be here."

Of the three selectmen who voted against Tripp, Brown appeared the most pained by the decision. In his first attempt to read a prepared statement, he choked up and was unable to continue.

But he later said he was deeply troubled that Tripp had asked Oxford Networks technician Ray Coulombe to alter a letter regarding problems with the telephone answering machines.

Coulombe's initial letter, dated Jan. 12, said a faulty answering machine could have caused intermittent problems with the telephone line (including no ringing)

"for up to a week prior to a complete no dial tone."

At Tripp's request, however, Coulombe later added "or

more" after "week," in effect pushing the possible problem back into the period when the robbery took place.

Tripp's explanation of his request for a revision (contained in a written response to Cole) is as follows:

"After Mr. Coulombe checked the telephone in the Bethel PD I spoke to him in detail regarding the problem he found. I was very direct in my questions regarding the possible causes of the problem since I was attempting to be able to provide you with a very detailed explanation of the deficiency he had found.

During our conversation Mr. Coulombe verbally stated that the problems arising from an answering machine causing the telephone to become inoperative can be intermittent for quite some time, I asked if it could be over a month and he replied 'yes.' I asked if he could write a synopsis of our conversation and he replied that he would need to obtain approval from Oxford Networks but he could see no problem with my request.

After receiving his letter I found that the last sentence regarding the problem was not as we had discussed verbally. When I questioned him about this fact he freely admitted that he had inadvertently misworded his letter and agreed to fix it in a subsequent version. ... I asked Mr. Coulombe to re-write the letter after he freely admitted that he had not written what he had meant to, this was inadvertent on his part and voluntarily revised by him. I only asked that he clarify what we had talked about and what he had stated to me in a revised version of his statement."

Silence, then applause

Prior to the deciding vote Thursday, Bennett said he would support some form of punishment short of dismissal, perhaps a year's probation for Tripp.

Barth initially appeared open to that idea, but when Brown made a motion to uphold the firing, Barth joined him and Dresser.

The crowd in the Crescent Park School, which had remained silent during the proceedings, stayed so at the vote.

The silence was broken only when two Bethel police officers, Nate Wight and Patrick Moore, walked up to the selectmen's table and tossed their badges on it.

The gesture triggered loud applause.

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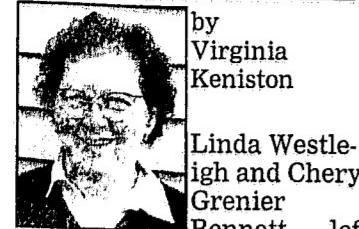
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Bennett left Friday and met Jane Luxton in South Portland for the weekend. They were joined by Linda Paine Jackson of New Brunswick, Canada, and Norma Jean Sloan Telford of Safety Harbor, Fla. During this time they visited Carol Flint Hatch in Freeport. What a great reunion and a wonderful weekend. Later in the year there will be a class reunion planned for the Gould Academy Class of 1964.

Daffodil Day for the American Cancer Society will take place at the Bethel Foodliner (IGA) on Thursday, March 25.

Muriel Butters celebrated her 80th birthday on Sunday, March 14. A family dinner party was enjoyed at her daughter Merrilee Ojeda's home.

Norma Buck, formerly of Bethel, had knee surgery on March 15 at Stephens Memorial Hospital.

Warren Tibbets had triple bypass surgery on Monday.

This was Girl Scout Sunday at the Methodist Church. Becky Larsen is a Brownie Scout leader. They meet at Crescent Park School on Wednesdays.

Shelby McKnight of New York and Josie Hannon of Jericho, Vt., spent several days this week with Bob and Ginny Keniston.

Mary Keniston was a guest of honor for a birthday dinner on Friday evening by her two children, Don Rice and Donna Rice-Howe both of Waterford. Also present at the Black Horse Tavern in Bridgton were her husband, Carlton (Lefty) and two great-

granddaughters, Jiselle Howe of Scarborough and Jaidyn Rice of Waterford. She was also presented a birthday cake and gifts.

The sun shone, the weather was perfect, the slopes were bright and inviting for both boarders and skiers, friends and family showed up, hugs were everywhere, the music played on, drinks in the bar clinked in her honor — and Becky's [Shaw] spirit was evident everywhere.

"It was an honor to be part of this day and I'm happy to report that the final tally on the quilt raffle is \$1,168. Cash totaled \$663, which I will get converted to a bank check in the trust's name and forward, along with the other checks, to the Maine Optometric Association in Augusta.

The icing on the cake for me was Rick Deneen's magnanimous gesture of handing the quilt to Jon [Shaw]. It was perfect and made my heart soar. After talking to others and seeing the glisten in their eyes, it apparently made lots of other hearts soar also.

"As I drove into my driveway, a beautiful orange sunset greeted me settling over Mt. Abram slopes and down over the water in front of Becky's camp, which sits directly across South Pond from me — 'Perfect' I said, and it was.

"A special day and thanks for letting me share it with you all." — Doreen Johnson —

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Spring cannot be far away because the garden bench is almost half out of the snow. I still cannot open the shed door since there is 30 inches of frozen snow holding it shut.

The State Line Snowmobile Club planned an ice picnic on "C" Pond for Sunday but Harold Hibbard, trailmaster, cancelled it due to poor trail conditions. Several hardy souls decided to have a picnic anyway. Penny Bernier said the weather was fine but a little cold and invigorating. Hot dogs, hamburgers and other goodies were enjoyed by the group. Those attending were, Joe and Penny Bernier, Dick Angevine, Jennifer Bernier and Noah Libby, Larry and Elsie Bonney, Bob Thompson, Randy Deschenes, his son Robby and friend Joe. The last meeting of the season for the club will be held at the Ladies Aid, Saturday, March 20, at 7 p.m. It has been a very successful year. Anyone desiring to join is welcome to attend the meeting. All the snowmobilers in the area wish to thank them for the work on the trails and fostering a wonderful winter sport.

I went to see the "Passion" last week. It was soul stirring but extremely graphic. People of all faiths attended. The day I viewed it there were several people who traveled from Colebrook. They brought their teenage children with them. The silence at the end of the film was noticeable.

We extend our sympathy to the Aron family on the death of Andrew Aron Sr. Mr. Aron lived in Florida with his wife but was a resident of Upton for several years.

We also extend our sympathy to the family of Myrtle Pratt, who died recently. I received the message on my answering machine informing me of her death. I believe it was Frank Tucker speaking, but I am not sure.

One night last week the big buck (the Boss) knocked the feeder off the window. Maggie Magalloway, the Casey's golden retriever, was seen heading up Mill Road with it in her mouth. She must have

buried it because we can't find it.

Gerry Rector, son of Jim Rector, was deployed to Kuwait for 90 days. Gerry is an Air Force physician. He makes his home with his wife and two children in Castle Rock, Colo. We wish him Godspeed on his service to our country.

Congratulations to Angie Latart and Lonnio Calder of Errol. They were married on the 29th of February.

We have heard from many residents that there are many coyotes in different areas of Upton. This past week, Tansy, Larry Nelson's puppy became very frightened while out tending to business one night. She literally clung to her master when she came inside. The Rectors had a similar situation in the season with their dog on East "B" Hill.

All sorts of blackbirds have arrived. The starlings, my least favorite bird, made an appearance on Friday. Walt and Liz Stanczyk hosted a dinner party for a pileated woodpecker that stripped the bark three feet up on one of their trees. It must have been loaded with "good bugs."

Sue and Dick Angevine met up with two moose on the way home from Colebrook. One of the "fellas" still had a full rack. A rackless moose is now frequenting the Wallow in Cambridge, a sure sign of pending spring. (Well, maybe!)

The "Bird of the Week" is the Starling. I have invited several cats to stalk them. They really do not look like a good meal.

Locke Mills

Correction: It has come to my attention that the Bethel Senior Citizens dinner that the

Greenwood Fire Department is going to put on is in July, not June, as previously stated.

Lorene Mills and I accompanied Laura Hutchins to Ricky McLean's fifth birthday party at his home in Gilead on Saturday. Those present besides the three of us were Calla and Jeff Tyler, Preston Cobb, Naomi Young, and his mother, Mandy McLean, and Matt Conkright. We enjoyed watching him open his many gifts and discovered he has very good lungs, as he gave a big puff to blow out the candles on his birthday cake. Ice cream was also served.

Saturday evening, Ralph and Lorene Mills and Preston Cobb and Naomi Young enjoyed an evening out at the Tin Tin in Lewiston. Sunday, I went to church at the Bethel Nazarene Church and Pastor Chuck announced that the church would be hosting Senior Plus on Friday, March 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is a seminar put on each year to help seniors and/or their caregivers know what help is available to them in their area. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. The meeting is free, as is lunch. I went last year when it was held in Bridgton and found it interesting and informative.

Wednesday evening, Ralph, Lorene and I went to the Wal-Mart in Mexico. We grabbed a sandwich at McDonald's on the way. After a quick stop at Wal-Mart, where I saw Everett Chase, by the way, we went back to Rumford Center to Praise Assembly of God to attend the Wednesday evening meeting where Pastor Justin Thacker is doing a study on the "Purpose Driven Life." Those present besides Pastor Justin, Ralph, Lorene, and I were Debbie and Owen Brown, Mary Thacker, Elizabeth Putnam, Roger Chopping and Crystal Lake. After the study, Ralph and Lorene

went home as Ralph has to be to work early in the morning but the rest of us, except Roger Chopping who also went home, went to MacDonald's where we were joined by Leslie Aron. I had had a sandwich so I just had dessert. I was sorry to hear that Andy and John Aron lost their dad to pneumonia in Florida last week. They certainly have my condolences. Debbie and Owen brought me home.

Supposedly a computer only does what a person tells it to, but this one keeps changing the format on me, which is very unsettling, and I certainly don't tell it to. Yesterday, I was trying to copy a letter and I had quite a time to keep it from coming out very weird and when I told it to save the letter to a folder I found, on checking it, that it had gone back to the format I had been trying all day to avoid. I said, "What the hey," and left it. Hopefully I won't need another copy anyway.

When I save my news to a folder I can have six items in No.12 size type and a seventh will be in No.10. I never know why. I certainly never typed it in that way because I keep checking, as I have had it change size type before. Can't tell me they don't have a mind of their own.

Don't forget that Town Meeting is coming up on Saturday, the 27th. The Greenwood Fire Department Auxiliary will be putting on a dinner as usual. I understand this will be Carol Whitman's last meeting as town manager. I am sure we are all sorry to see her go; and, Carol, in spite of your qualms and shaky knees, you do a great job at Town Meeting. This year we have Maggie Ring's offer of land to put in recreation park that is sure to generate some discussion. Come and support your side and enjoy the input and output. Personally, I think town meetings are great fun.

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**The Way I See It**

by Sharon Bouchard

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There comes a time in your life when you should no longer participate in games meant for children. This has been a hard lesson for me to learn, but by golly, I think I've learned it.

The reality of it came to me one recent evening when I thought I would play super mom and beat my daughter and her boyfriend at a game of badminton. I used to be very good at this game. I also used to be quick and agile. I used to be young and thin.

Running backwards to make the most spectacular play of the century, a gold medal play by any Olympic standards, I lost my footing. I knew without a doubt it was going to be a bad fall. My feet were still in place but my upper body had considerable momentum going.

Instinctively I threw out my hands to break my fall. Never, never do this. I did not break my fall. I broke my wrist and my arm in two places instead.

Renee and her boyfriend came running to my rescue and got me out of the street before a minor accident became a major one. This is the same street where I learned to ride my first bike, where I learned to roller skate and played Giant Steps and Simon Says with only an occasional skinned knee. Those were the days!

There is an old saying that the family who plays together stays together, and this was certainly the case at the hospital. Henry and the kids were right at my side ready to respond to my every need.

The folks at the hospital were really great too. The nurse on duty, recognizing the possibility of a hysterical patient, promptly got me off of my feet and onto a bed. She ever so gently placed my mangled arm across my chest and noticing that my hand was pointing west and my arm was pointing east said, "Yup, you sure broke it." Then the bone doctor came

in and took a look. After holding it this way and that she said, "Yup, you sure broke it."

The next visitor was an EMT from the local ambulance service who came by to use me as a practice victim so he could learn how to find a vein and start an IV just in case I needed surgery — things were not looking good at this point.

As it turns out the EMT didn't find the vein nor did I need surgery, but he did take a look at my limp limb and said, "Yup, you sure broke it."

Finally along came an x-ray technician who got called in for this special occasion, and wheeled me off to the x-ray room bed and all. Bless her heart, she was as gentle as she could possibly be while she manipulated my arm to take the necessary pictures.

After she had developed them and was wheeling me back to emergency, I said, "Yup, it sure looks like I broke it," and expecting a confirmation from her since everyone else I encountered felt comfortable making that diagnosis, she said "I'll leave that up to your doctor to decide!" Go figure!

The bone doctor, as you know, had already decided that it sure was broken and went about hooking me up in this Chinese finger torture device and dropped about 1,000 pounds of weight over my upper arm as I hung in suspended air.

Actually, this looked a whole lot worse than it really was, but it got a lot of sympathetic looks and attention from the family so I played it for all it was worth. Fortunately, the doctor was very skilled at her craft and more importantly, very gentle, and was able to realign the broken bones without resorting to surgical pins.

So, here I am in a cast up to my elbow. The first few days were spent with my arm elevated as much as possible and I drifted in a purple haze of pain and pills, but I now seem to be able to do "before the accident". Stop by sometime, I'd love to tell you all about it.

The way I see it I'm going to be just fine. But you would be amazed at the things I used to be able to do "before the accident". Stop by sometime, I'd love to tell you all about it.

Now for the upside of having broken bones; everybody waits on you. This is wonderful. If I had only known the advantages of being an invalid, I would have been breaking bones long ago. I can't cook, clean or do dishes. All I can really do, at least as far as my family knows, is sit around and watch television or read a book while they attend to my every need.

Every day I find something new that I can do with one hand, but I don't see the point in letting anyone know that little secret. They seem to feel so needed and I don't want to take that little joy away from them.

There are so many things you learn from an experience like this. Even though I am right handed and it is my left hand that is incapacitated, I had no idea how much both hands work together. Just try tying your shoes or opening a jar with one hand to see what I mean.

People start treating you a little differently too. Everyone wants to know how it happened, but seem a little disappointed when I tell them I fell down playing in the street. I think they would like to hear something a little more exotic so from now on I'm going to tell them I broke it sky diving.

Everyone that I encounter who has ever had a broken bone seems to enjoy the opportunity to tell me about it. I'm not sure I want to hear about all those broken bones that never healed properly. I'd like to cling to the hope that if I someday wanted to be a concert pianist, I could be!

The worst thing about people with an injury is they become preoccupied with it. Their lives become divided into, "before the accident" and "after the accident". That's all they ever talk about. I sure hope I don't get like that.

The way I see it I'm going to be just fine. But you would be amazed at the things I used to be able to do "before the accident". Stop by sometime, I'd love to tell you all about it.

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Water Street, Norway, at 7 p.m. Please members try and be there.

Lorrie Hatstat has been in Stephens Memorial Hospital recently for emergency appendicitis but is at home now recovering from her hospital stay.

We were sorry to learn of the passing of Midge Silvio's mom, Sally. She had lived here in Stoneham for three years and was very happy to be here. She had recently been in the Hick's Nursing Home in Fryeburg. She had good hospice care and I believe donations in her memory could be sent to the Androscoggin Home Health Care. Our sympathy and prayers go out to Sally's family and friends. It's always hard to lose one's mother. We are thinking of you, Midge.

Dale and Kitty Nelson have been in Bar Harbor the past few days to visit Kitty's mother who is in the hospital there in ICU.

The Stoneham planning board met at the town office to act on a couple of applications on Wednesday evening.

Becky Adams, chair of the Stoneham Republican Committee, has issued an invitation to all registered local Republicans to caucus at Becky's house on March 18 at 7 p.m. The main purpose of the biennial caucus is to allow registered voters who are enrolled in the Republican Party to elect delegates and alternates to the Republican State Convention. The convention this year will be held at the Augusta Civic Center on May 14 and 15, Friday and Saturday. Other business of the caucus will include the organization of the local committee and the nomination of members to the Oxford County Republican committee. All local Republicans are encouraged to attend the caucus and take part in the political process in this very important election year.

Answer to last week's question: to get to the second hand shop. See you then.

West Paris



by Joyce Lamb

Where has all the snow gone? It has melted fast leaving

the driveway clean. Even the weather reports of storms have not given us any. The snowmobiles are having a rest hoping to get a little more exercise before summer. Us walkers enjoy the bare roads and moderate temperatures. This can't be all there is to our winter. The fall and early winter were colder than usual, with bitter winds. Enough already. The daughter in Georgia called to say that her shrubs are beginning to blossom. Some of the birds are back there, too. The cardinals are singing their mating song but no robins as yet. When

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they show up there, they will soon be in Maine.

On March 21, the Rev. Joy Gasta will speak on "Spring" at the West Paris Universalist Church — Welcoming Spring and Honoring Women Religious Leaders in this Women's History Month. Services are at 9 a.m. followed by a coffee hour. The organist is Jim Burke.

Cabin Fever Countdown continues at the Universalist Church on Thursday, the 18th at 1 p.m. Cil Rice will instruct on the knitting of a scarf with fun fur. Many are doing this kind of knitting so the yarn is scarce, but she has found several skeins, so come and learn how.

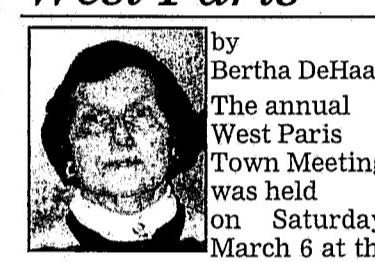
Lee Dean was pleased to have her cousin, Janet Grace from Tamworth N.H. visit this week. Her friend, Barbara McDonald of Ossipee, N.H., was with her.

Lee Dean and Georgia Thayer accompanied Beverly and Vince Stevens to Gray and enjoyed the ride through new and seldom-traveled roads. It was a pleasant ride on a sunny day.

Beryl Bonney and I shopped in Oxford this week for a few groceries. I needed ingredients for Boston cream pies to celebrate my twin granddaughters' twenty (?) birthdays.

Buffy's fur is matting some. He is not as white as usual for he has a hard time cleaning his long coat. He stretches his neck as far as he can and still ends up with a mouth full of hair.

West Paris



by Bertha DeHaas

The annual West Paris Town Meeting was held on Saturday, March 6 at the Agnes L. Gray School Gymnasium.

There were 157 there to vote on our 79 articles. After the flag salute our first order of business was to elect our moderator for the day, Vern Maxfield. The next order of business was to vote on article 2, the salary of our new town manager, Don Woodbury of Minot. It was unanimously approved.

Vern Maxfield now turned the meeting over to the selectmen: Wade Rainey, Howard Gurney and Jim Johnson, who then presented a plaque to Faye Abbott, honoring her husband Harlan, then a plaque to Vern Inman's three children, Walter, Virginia and Vickie honoring Vernon. The selectmen (Wade and Jim) then presented a plaque to our retiring selectman, Howard Gurney, who had come out of retirement to fill in the remainder of Harlan Abbott's

term of office. To many of us "old timers" this was a sad day without Vern and Harlan there. They were a very integral part of everything about our town and are very much missed by all of their family and friends.

At this time selectman Jim Johnston introduced our new town manager, Don Woodbury. Mr. Woodbury was welcomed warmly.

Cheryll explained to us in regard to her position and all that her job has entailed and then introduced Lance Bean, of the town accounting firm Gaisford Hoisington Akerberg, Bean, who explained to us the town audit and said that he is pleased to announce the audit is complete and the town is in good financial shape.

Next we proceeded to elect a selectman for a three-year term. Bill Birney was elected for this fiscal term of three years.

Greg Inman was elected to the position of School Board director, also for three years.

The Recall Ordinance of elected municipal officers did not pass.

We then worked our way down through the articles until we had completed 1-17A before lunch was declared ready. The sandwiches and cookies were good.

After lunch we picked up on article 18 and worked our way through article 79. These all passed (some with necessary modifications and discussion).

We are fortunate to live in the town of West Paris. Let us all work together in the coming year for the good of all. "One for all and all for one."

There are five young men from our area who were called up and sent to Fort Drum, N.Y., before being sent over to Iraq: Vernon Inman, J.J. Stevens, Randy Jones, Travis Coffman (who is married to Audrey German) and Shawn Coffin. A committee of three caring ladies, Sylvia McCann, Nancy Henderson and Martha Roberts are heading up a drive to send care packages to these boys. There was a meeting at the Town Hall on Tuesday, March 16. There will be monthly meetings for more care packages to let our boys know we care about them and thinking of them.

See you next week.

East Bethel



by Nancy Mercer
Millie Jackson, Roger and Louise Twitchell, Dot Bartlett, Nancy Kimball and I attended the Bethel Senior Citizens Club meeting

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at the Legion Hall in Locke Mills on March 10. Nancy Kimball did the program with help from her daughters, Christina and Brooke. It was also nice to see Louise out and about.

Millie Jackson will celebrate her birthday on March 27.

Paul and Charlotte Kimball spent the day with Bruce and Velora Tuominen in North Norway on March 12. Paul helped paint the new kitchen Velora had put in. They stayed for supper. Paul and Charlotte have also tapped a few maple trees and are busy boiling down the sap.

Judy Smith of Bucksport visited Darlene Harrington on March 12 and 13.

Albert Foster's maple trees have been tapped by Richard Stearns and friends.

Andre and Flossie Bernier were snowmobiling on March 6 and 7 at Long Pond near Jackman. They had met friends there to snowmobile with for the weekend.

What happened in Spain last week makes one wonder what form of public transportation is safe to use anymore.

Have a nice week. God Bless the Troops.

Andover



by Joan Stinson-Carney
I am writing this from the great state of Michigan.

The reason I'm here isn't so great. Last Thursday, March 11, my 15-year-old nephew, Bradley Langdon, was killed in an accident. The whole family was on their way to school and Bradley was driving, hit a patch of black ice, rolled over three times and hit a tree. Bradley was killed instantly, his father, Tom, has a black eye, bruises, and scrapes, his brother, Bryant, broke his foot, and his mother, Susan, and his sister, Stephanie, weren't injured at all, thank heaven.

My sister Donna and I left Maine at 4 a.m. on Friday morning and got here Sunday morning about 11 a.m. We drove for 14 hours on Saturday and spent the night in London (Canada not England). We go back to Maine on Tuesday, and believe me I'm not looking forward to it at all. The wake and funeral were horrendous but we managed to get through it, and will have a day to recover before we start out again.

Bradley was my sister Jean's grandson. He was a great kid and will be sorely missed by us all.

Don't forget that Town Meeting is this Saturday, March 20. Starting time is 9 a.m. Place

is the Town Hall. Voting for selectman and School Board member will be Tuesday, March 23, at the Town Hall from 4 to 8 p.m. Absentee ballots are available at the Town Office during regular business hours.

Jiselle Conrad is recovering from a broken ankle. You can send her a card in care of her parents, Garth and Judy Conrad in East Andover.

Erika Davis got safely back from her spring break vacation in Jamaica.

Laura Hutchins had fourteen people over for a Birthday Dinner this weekend.

Hope tells me she saw the Poy Family over the weekend; they had gone snowboarding and had a blast. See ya.

Mason



by Richard Grover
Ah! It's good to see a little bare ground showing up here and there. I think spring may be coming in the next month or two. At least, it has been warm enough that we've made all the maple syrup we need for the next year. I hope to have all my maple trees "un-tapped" by the time this goes to press. Brother Rupert hasn't been able to get out to "sap" this year, but his granddaughter, Jessica, has. She and Rupert Jr. tapped quite a few maple and boiled sap on the outdoor fireplace, but they pulled their "taps" last weekend as well.

Last Saturday's "Lewiston Sun-Journal" newspaper had a story on page B2 that would make any "red-neck" proud. I'll summarize for those who didn't catch the article.

It seems a woman from Auburn had a few too many drinks. She was reported driving erratically along Route 26 between Poland and Norway, sideswiping at least two cars and narrowly missing several others. Somehow, she drove onto the grounds of the Guy E. Rowe School in Norway, followed along a fence and down over a three-foot-high granite wall, knocking over a six-foot length of granite. Then she headed south on Route 26 again and entered an open gate on the Oxford County Fairgrounds. Once she was in there, workers closed the open gate, not knowing the woman and her car were inside. When the police arrived, the woman's car was "bridged"

on a large manure pile, and she was calmly sitting inside reading a book. The police officers said the woman's dog was happy to see them and even happier to be let out of the car. One of the cops said they were thinking of adding a charge of cruelty to animals to the long list of charges they already had.

It seems to me this woman might have thought she was at the top of the heap, but I think she will find herself in deep doo doo when she sobered up.

Hanover



by Clem Worcester

Irv and Barbara Robinson have been at Rocky Retreat for several months and now are returning to Maryland for a few days.

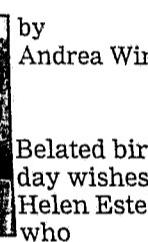
Deer have been seen traveling along the Baby Brook Valley. Recently, coyotes have been heard in the same region.

Firemen and an ambulance came to the aid of Louise Worcester early Tuesday morning when she was taken to Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston with a serious infection. Although her condition was termed "critical" for a few days, it is now considered "guarded." Her family members have been making daily trips to the hospital to visit and check on her progress.

Hanover Deputy Clerk Kelly Crockett has been vacationing in Florida with some of her family. We hope she sends back some warm weather.

Today happens to be Jim Ray's birthday. Although he is not tramping around in the snow at Triple J, we think he'll celebrate just fine in Austin.

South Woodstock



by Andrea Wing

Belated birthday wishes to Helen Estes who recently celebrated her 79th birthday. A party was held at her daughter Brenda Birney's home on Ryerson Hill. Brenda gave everyone a tour of the beautiful home. Some of the guests included sisters Clar-

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bel Poland and Barbara Cash, roads posted for mud season. Our thoughts are with Ruth Pulsifer's family; know it's hard on the family in losing a loved one.

Deserie Cox was named prom queen at Telstar Middle School recently. Deserie is the daughter of Wesley Cox of South Woodstock.

Sympathy to the family of Arthur Boisvert, who died recently. He leaves several family members including a daughter, Chris Miclon, a former South Woodstock resident.

Also, sympathy to the family of Ruth Pulsifer, Ruth leaves several sisters and her children, Doreen Wilbur of South Woodstock and Kenny Pulsifer of Rumford, also grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

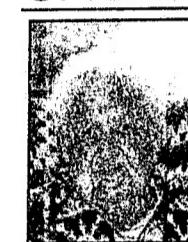
Kudos to Luna Akers who goes walking every day at Telstar High School. Luna is 84 years young; keep up the good work.

Those receiving honors at OHCHS are Timothy Cole and Tara Monzo. Congratulations.

Tara Monzo had bad fall at Sunday River Skiway and was in the hospital for a couple of days.

Quote of the week: "I've learned that whenever I'm in a big hurry, the person in front of me isn't."

Greenwood City



by
Rena Curtis

Another week has gone and March is well on its way.

Have had a few days that have been quite nice.

Albert and Marie Curtis went to The Forks snowmobiling last weekend.

Carl and Betty Curtis visited Ray and Cheryl Curtis for the weekend. Fred Curtis visited me one day. Seemed good, as I haven't seen him for quite a while.

The road crew was out one day recently. They have the

A prayer followed, hymn

sing, benediction and postlude. Amen. Services again next Sunday, same time and same place. Everyone welcome.

Kevin Wight celebrated his 15th birthday March 7 at the home of his parents, Brad and Brenda Wight. His mother made the birthday cake.

Jason, Sarah and Jordan Berry of Hanover, Sheila, Casey and Mike Fleet of Hanover, Ed Powers, Retta Berry, Terri and Staci Littlehale, Mike Wight, Katie and Kurt Wight, John and Nancy Wight all from Newry, Rachel Monk of Greenwood and Shirley and Sewall Staples from South Rumford helped Kevin celebrate.

Thought for the week: "Laughter gives us distance. It allows us to step back from an event, deal with it and then move on."

That's it for this week. Have a safe and happy one.

North Newry



by
Gil Seeley

Thought for the week:
"That golden key that opens the palace of eternity."

Karlene Bachelder's mother, Julie Goodwin, passed away March 4 after a long illness. May she rest in peace.

Call to worship was held Sunday morning, March 7, at 9 a.m., at Sue and Owen Wight's home with Pastor Rodney Hanscom at the pulpit and daughter Nancy at the organ.

Sue Wight read the thought of the day and scripture readings were read by Nancy and Owen. The message of the day was, "Facing the darkness — seeing the light," from Genesis 15:12. "And when the sun was down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and lo, a horror of great darkness fell upon him. My life was dark until the light shone in, that light I have received, I long to share in loving deeds for people everywhere."

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Waterford



by
Rockie
Graham

It's almost spring. Then again a snow-storm is predicted

and probably already will have been here by the time you read this. It's March in Maine. Gotta love it. Just when I'm anxious to see bare ground and dig up some dirt — snow.

Last night we attended the Waterford Special Town Meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to pass a warrant allowing the town to begin to charge fees for dumping of certain goods, including tires, white goods and certain universal waste goods.

Other transfer stations in the area already do this, and there is concern that Waterford is the recipient of items from those towns, especially tires. Waterford has received two to three times as many tires as is reasonable for the number of residents.

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Meeting." It was not brought up at the regular Town Meeting in last week because it had not gone out with the warrant. The selectmen had not known it had to go to the Town Meeting for approval. After almost two hours of discussion, the article was narrowly defeated 18-17.

A special committee was formed to research the best way to go about initiating fees, if that is what is wanted. It is an open committee and those interested in being a part should call Cindy Hamlin to volunteer.

The transfer station should undergo other changes after Selectperson Cindy Hamlin and Manager Rick Bushe attend the Resource Recovery Recycling and Solid Waste Conference in April. Attendees will need to be licensed, and this will be the beginning of the process. Dave and I will also attend.

For those of you who expressed concern, Dave's mom has elected to return home. Our Maine way of life is too isolated for her and she missed her girl friends. We wished her well as Dave brought her back to Framingham.

We thank all who were helpful to us including home health nurse Mary Beth and the physical therapist Brian. They were very attentive and we are grateful.

We are looking forward to next Sunday's Rotary Breakfast in Bethel (March 21). We try to make those and are always pleased. It is all you can eat, not that we eat that much, and the food is good.

Speaking of food, there is a community supper at the Wilkins House on Thursday, the 18th (today). It is open to all.

That is all for this week. The fingers grow weak.

I've discovered that using spell check makes one forget how to spell. I mostly used it because my typing is not always perfect, but I'm finding I'm getting lazy about my spelling. Beware.

Have a great first week of spring.

From the

Friends of Telstar High/Middle School

Friends of Telstar TMS/THS Parent Group will meet on March 23, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Lee Graham, curriculum coordinator for SAD44 will be present to discuss assessment, Maine Learning Results, and answer any questions.

The next meeting will be held on May 18.

From the

Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce

Welcome to two new members. They are Dan's Painting, 507 York Street, Rumford. His mailing address is P.O. Box 95, Mexico, ME 04257 and his phone is 369-9683. And Buck Site Evaluations, Tim Buck, owner. His physical location is 1132 South Main, West Paris (at the Mollywood Motel) and his mailing address is P.O. Box 58, West Paris, ME 04289. You may contact him by phone at 674-2345 or toll free at (888) 569-8611. Tim's e-mail address is: boebuck@excite.com

All are welcomed to attend the Business After Hours tonight, Thursday, March 18, at the beautiful new Phoenix House and Well on the Skiway Road in Newry. The management team of Skip Bennett and Phil Everett, as well as their staff, are looking forward to meeting you and showcasing their wonderful restaurant and pub. Refreshments will be available.

Many thanks to the Bethel Inn for hosting our Community Networking Breakfast.

Remember to nominate deserving individuals for our community and business awards. Our 35th annual Awards Dinner and Auction is scheduled for Friday, May 14, at the Grand Summit

Hotel at Sunday River. For \$30 per person, a full buffet dinner and a great evening filled with celebration can be enjoyed. Reservations can be made by calling the chamber office, 824-2222.

The Corporate and Community Services Department at Central Maine Community College is offering the popular program Fish! Philosophy on Thursday, March 25 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The daylong seminar is \$95 and includes the Fish Playbook, lunch and a certificate of completion. The Fish! Philosophy uses an engaging metaphor as a model to improve employee retention, create excellent internal and external customer service and prevent stress and burnout. Participants will learn the four components of this unique philosophy in an interactive and fun workshop plus leave with ideas to incorporate the Fish! Philosophy in their workplace. For more information, please contact the Central Maine Community College Corporate and Community Services Department at 755-5280 or (800) 891-2002, ext. 280, e-mail training@cmcc.edu or visit www.cmcc.edu/training.

From the

Bethel Historical Society's Regional History Center

Fifteen have registered for the first class of the Bethel Historical Society's Winter/Spring course, "Four Centuries of Canada and Northern New England." At the first class, Society Director Stanley R. Howe, the instructor, reviewed some of the highlights of the 17th century, which included a discussion of the Vikings, the early European explorers, the English/French rivalry, the impact of King William's War 1689-1697, and the establishment of spheres of influence by European powers. Howe then moved to review some of the people who played major

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roles. Jacques Cartier (1491-1557), a French navigator, who discovered the St. Lawrence River, explored what is present-day New Brunswick, made friends with the Huron-Iroquois Indians, and searched for the elusive "Northwest Passage" to the Orient. Samuel de Champlain (1567-1635), Frenchman, Roman Catholic, Royal Geographer, Empire Builder, was also a man of great curiosity, naturalist, anthropologist, keen observer, colonizer, and skilled administrator.

Later known as the "Father of New France," he made his first trip to what is today Canada in 1603. Later he explored the coast of what is today New England down to Cape Cod. In 1609, he made the fateful decision to join a war party of Hurons and Algonquins, where he discovered the lake that bears his name between present-day Vermont and New York State. His choice of Indian friends alienated the Iroquois, who from that time sided with the English. This choice was to have a decisive role in later events.

Portions of present-day Northern New England in the 17th century were claimed by Massachusetts and New York among others. What is today Maine becomes part of Massachusetts in the middle of the 17th century. The boundary between Massachusetts and today's New Hampshire was contentious for some time. New Hampshire's western border was not determined as the Connecticut River until 1764. Vermont did not emerge until the 18th century and would become the 14th state in 1791.

One of the most engaging figures of the 17th century was Sir William Phipps (1651-1695), who was born in what is today Woolwich, Maine. He came from humble origins, working as a ship's carpenter.

A man of considerable ambition, however, he eventually persuaded King Charles II to sponsor a ship for discovering Spanish gold in sunken ships. This one failed, but the next one, sponsored by the Duke of Albemarle, was successful in locating a wreck off Haiti, which brought a considerable prize.

For this discovery, Phipps was knighted and began a lifetime dedicated to accumulating wealth and power. He became active in leading English expeditions against French Canada, which met with mixed success.

He became the Royal Governor of Massachusetts at the height of the witchcraft hysteria. Phipps was not a man with good political skills and often resorted to brute force to enforce his will upon those he governed.

Poorly educated and often pompous, he was also prone to undignified outbursts that did nothing to win friends. Recalled to England to answer charges, he died before he could be officially recalled.

The next class, on March 25, at the society's Regional History Center will explore the development of 18th century colonial settlements of Northern New England and what is eastern Canada.

From

Oxford County Democrats

The Oxford County Democrats will meet at Buckfield High School on Thursday, March 25, starting with a potluck supper at 5:30 p.m., and featuring a discussion of State Convention plans by Aymie Walshe, executive director of the Maine Democratic Party, at 6:30.

"The Oxford County delegation to the convention

numbers many for whom the experience is new, and we felt an orientation to the convention process would be timely," stated Oxford County Chairperson Cathy Newell.

The meeting will also feature an agenda containing legislative updates by Senator Bruce Bryant, Rep. John Patrick and Rep. Rosita Gagne-Friel, a report from Congressman Mike Michaud's office, introduction of candidates for the 2004 election, and plans for upcoming events.

Anyone interested in electing Democrats is welcome to attend. Those coming to the supper are asked to bring a hot dish, salad or dessert to share.

For more information, contact Cathy Newell at 875-2116.

From the

Bethel Water District

Ground temperatures:
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4 feet, 29 degrees
5 feet, 30 degrees
6 feet, 31 degrees
Water temperature: 33

Notes from

SAD44 Adult Ed

Greetings from the Adult Education Learning Center. Jeanette is in full swing teaching Understanding U.S. History through the Novel. The class has enjoyed the '50s, '60s and now the '30s.

There is also an Algebra and another U.S. History class going on.

The staff has just completed a

From the

REAL (Reading Essentials for Adult Literacy) series taught by Evelyn Beaulieu from the Center for Adult Learning and Literacy through the University of Maine at Orono. As a result we are fine-tuning our reading strategies to help others to enjoy the great world of books and reading. "Oh the Places you can Go," by Dr. Seuss, is just one of the many books we learned is truly inter-generational. In other words, a great read no matter what your age. Remember Dick and Jane. Well, it may date many of us, but that is what we had to read back in the '50s, '60s and '70s. We have come so far from Dick and Jane.

Leah Wait, from Maine, is one of the authors we learned about. She writes books set in Maine for children and young adults alike and can be enjoyed by a wide variety of readers. We hope to have her work available to share soon.

Many thanks to Betsy Raymond, the librarian at Crescent Park School, for donating some wonderful children's literature books to the Learning Center. The staff is eager to share our expanded collection of books with everyone. The community is welcome to come in and see the more than 40 new books in the Learning Center.

The Community Room is alive with Pilates and there will be a yoga class starting soon. Stop by and read the USA Today on Mondays and share a cup of coffee.

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The Charles A. Cutting Endowment Fund is available to assist Andover students to attend postsecondary training in a recognized school or program. Funding shall not exceed four years from the date of high school completion. Completed applications must be returned by July 15 to the Andover Educational Fund, Inc., PO Box 32, Andover, ME 04216.

An award of \$2,000, to be known as the John and Eunice Fox Prize Scholarship, will be given to a high school senior from the Town of Andover, who will be attending an accredited degree-granting college or university in the fall, and who has, in the judgment of the Andover Educational Fund Board of Directors, made the greatest contribution to the Town of Andover while he or she has lived there. The prize is not divisible, nor must it be awarded each year.

The Board of Directors requires that seniors submit an essay stating individual or organizational contributions. The essay may be mailed to The Andover Educational Fund, Inc., and must be received by May 15.

The Anna Thurston Memorial Scholarship is an award of \$1,000 for a high school senior domiciled in Andover. This award will be disbursed for the sophomore or second year of post high school study. The applicant shall submit a 750-word essay

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explaining what an education means to them to the Andover Educational Fund, Inc., by May 15. The directors and officers of the Andover Educational Fund reserve the right to accept or refuse any or all applications.

The Sweatt Family Memorial Scholarship is designed to favor those students of Andover who are going on to technical colleges and are in need of financial assistance. In a given year, should there be no requests from technical students, and in the judgment of the directors of the Andover Educational Fund, an award may then be given for the benefit of non-technical students.

Funding of this scholarship shall not exceed four years from the date of completion of high school for students enrolled in a recognized school or program. A copy of the student's acceptance letter and a copy of their FAFSA must be mailed to The Andover Educational Fund, Inc., by May 15 of each year.

The Board of Directors of the Andover Educational Fund will determine who shall receive these scholarships and the amounts. Awards will be announced at the Andover Alumni Banquet.

Project Opportunity

Continued from page 1

line for a joint effort by the district and the scholarship foundation.

The partnership last year received a three-year, \$65,000 grant from the Maine Educational Loan Marketing Corporation (MELMAC), the state's largest foundation dedicated to promoting education for Maine citizens.

The first phase was the survey, which Davis conducted last fall as the Class of 2003 went off to college.

A total of 65 students had graduated from Telstar in June.

Of those, 55 had said last spring they planned post-secondary education. But Davis found in September that 11 of them did not go on, leaving 66 percent of the class actually pursuing post-secondary education.

That trend is in line with what the school has been observing for several years. The college enrollment of recent Telstar graduating classes has ranged between 40 and 66 percent.

The reasons some students fail to follow through on their plans include an inability to line up financial aid, or simply getting cold feet when September arrives, he said.

Davis said he plans to contact some members of this year's graduating class during the summer, to ensure they are aware of all their financing options before fall arrives.

Davis noted that last June, a significant portion of scholarship money awarded to graduates went unclaimed.

Longer-term plans for future classes include sponsoring underclass trips to college campuses, to try to lessen the intimidation factor of going off to school.

And to make students aware of more local educational options, the project will familiarize them with the Telstar ITV college program, and the nearby Rumford/Mexico center of the University of Maine.

The grant effort also sponsored all current sophomores and juniors who wanted to

take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) last fall.

In addition, 28 out of the 86 members of the junior class are currently taking a four-week SAT preparatory course. Most of the cost is borne by the grant program.

The program has set a goal to raise the college enrollment of the Class of 2005 to 68 percent.

The other 10

In addition to talking to the 2003 grads who had said they would pursue more schooling, Davis also contacted the 10 who said last spring they did not plan post-secondary education.

Half of that group said they would seek full-time employment, "and they did," said Davis.

The other five were simply undecided about what to do. Davis found in the fall this group was working either part-time or was not employed at all.

Some of the grads still in this area said they might pursue schooling this fall, he said.

School Lunch

Week of March 22

Telstar Lunches

Monday: Tuna Casserole, peas, animal crackers. Special: mushroom and cheese pizza.

Tuesday: Chicken steak, chicken rice, hot veggies, dinner roll. Special: cheeseburger calzone.

Wednesday: Turkey "parm" over pasta, tossed salad, garlic bread. Special: bacon pizza.

Thursday: Two sloppy joes in buns, veggie sticks. Special: italian cold cut pizza.

Friday: No School.

Choice of milk and fresh or portioned fruit or fruit juice each meal.

SAD44 Elementary Lunches

Monday: Homemade baked beans, hamburger, dinner roll.

Tuesday: Pasta w/meat sauce, hot veggie.

Wednesday: Rib-A-Q bulky, pickles, tater tots, fresh oranges, brownies.

Thursday: English muffin pizzas, garden salad w/dressing.

Friday: No school.

Choice of milk and fruit each meal.

Weekly alternates: Yogurt/cheese "Fun" lunch, triple peanut butter and marshmallow sandwich, assorted salads.

Oxford Hills District

Monday: Crispy chicken patty/bun w/lettuce and tomato, peaches, milk.

Tuesday: Pizza sticks, carrot sticks, pears, milk.

Wednesday: Roast turkey, mashed potato, peas, frozen juice bar, milk.

Thursday: Hot dog/bun, baked beans, cole slaw, fruit, milk.

Friday: No school.

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Events Calendar

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Seniors Lunch every Tuesday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m., at Bethel Methodist Church, Main Street, sponsored by SeniorsPlus. Donation for 60 and older and spouses, \$2.50; all other guests, \$4. Reservations important. For information, menus, reservations, call 824-3161 (also the number to call to apply for Meals on Wheels).

9 a.m. (Fridays) — Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge at Fare Share Food Coop, 443 Main Street, Norway. All bridge players invited to attend and bring a friend or two. Refreshments. For more information, call Mimi Bell (743-8081) or Rowena Palmer (743-2882) or e-mail bridge@megalink.net.

Oxford County Soil and Water Conservation District Tree and Shrub Sale until April 1. Call Heidi Linscott (743-5789 ext. 3 for flyer and order form). *****

Thursday, March 18

1 to 3:30 p.m. — Community Cabin Fever Countdown at Unitarian Universalist Church, West Paris. Crafts, games, puzzles, sewing, cooking, etc. FMI: Beverly Stevens at 674-2481.

6 p.m. — Community Potluck Supper at Wilkins Community, Plummer Hill, Waterford. Bring a dish.

6:30 p.m. — Science Fair by Telstar Middle School at Telstar Gym. Judging 7 to 8 p.m. Top 10 classroom projects judged for Sandy/Audrey Science Fair qualification.

Friday, March 19 7:30 p.m. — Telstar Middle School Awards Assembly at Helen Berry Auditorium.

7:30 to 9 p.m. — "Laugh till You're Green" comedy night will be presented at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School. Tickets: \$8, before the 17th; \$10 after the 17th. FMI: 743-8914.

Saturday, March 20 Maine handicapped skiing 19th annual Ski-a-Thon at Sunday River Ski Resort (downhill skiing and snowboarding) and Sunday River Inn and Cross Country Ski Center (cross-country skiing). FMI: (800) 639-7770 (ask for Wendy or Lisa) or on-line at www.skimhs.org/Ski-A-Thon.

9 a.m. Andover Town Meeting. 7 p.m. — Leah Wolfsong and Reinaldo Cortez will present some great old folk tunes and offer their new and original sound. The Wild Goddess Choir will add acapella vocals at the Fare Share Commons, Main Street, Norway. Cost: \$10. FMI: (877) 833-1372 or e-mail wolfsong@megalink.net.

7:30 p.m. — At Oddfellow Theater, Route 117, Buckfield: blue grass group "The Jerks of Grass." Doors open 7 p.m. Tickets (\$10 all seats) available at Northeast Bank, Buckfield or call box office at 336-3306. Visa and MasterCard accepted. FMI visit www.oddfellow.com.

8 to 10 p.m. — Rite Aid Dance at Jackson Silver Post Legion Hall, Gore Road, Greenwood featuring music of RPM specializing 1970s

March 20-21

7 p.m. (20th)-3 p.m. (21st) — Rumford Historical Society Benefit Variety Performances, "Right Here, On Our Stage" at renovated auditorium of Rumford Town Hall, Congress Street, Rumford. Performers include Mahoosuc Music Makers, actors of "Kiss Me, Kate" from Mountain Valley High School, magicians, clowns, guitarists, flutists and dancers. Refreshments available. Admission: adults \$8, seniors and students \$6. FMI: 364-2536.

Sunday, March 21

7:30 to 11 a.m. — All You Can Eat Buffet at Bethel Rotary Club's "A Country Breakfast" at Ordway Hall, Gould Academy. Adults \$6, children \$3.

Tuesday, March 23

9 a.m. — Andover Town Meeting at the Town Hall.

6:30 to 8 p.m. — Friends of TMS/THS Parent Group meeting at Telstar.

7 p.m. — Woodstock High School Alumni meeting at Alice Hoyt's to plan for June 12 Alumni Banquet.

Wednesday, March 24

7 p.m. — Raptors of Maine featuring live birds by The Chewonki Foundation at Bingham Auditorium, Gould Academy, sponsored by Mahoosuc Land Trust. Open to public. FMI: 824-3806.

March 24-28

Disney On Ice, Mickey and Minnie's Magical Journey at Cumberland Civic Center, Portland. FMI and buy tickets: www.disneyonice.com or call 775-3458. Tickets: \$25 VIP, \$17.50 and \$12.

Thursday, March 25

1 to 3:30 p.m. — Community Cabin Fever Countdown at Unitarian Universalist Church, West Paris. Crafts, games, puzzles, sewing, cooking, etc. FMI: Beverly Stevens at 674-2481.

5:30 p.m. — Oxford County Democrats potluck supper/meeting at Buckfield High School.

7 p.m. — Mountain Poets Society meeting at Fare Share Commons, Main Street, Norway. FMI: call Rocky Graham at 743-0583.

Friday, March 26

10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. — Legal Services for the Elderly free lunch and learn program at Bethel Nazarene Church, 16 Church Street. Help with problems related to Maine Care, Medicare, scam issues, power of attorney and wills and much more. FMI and to reserve a seat, call SeniorsPlus at (800) 427-1241 by March 22.

March 26 and 27

Seminar on building healthy relationships at Woodstock Seventh-day Adventist Church. Friday 7 to 8:30 p.m., Saturday, 9:45 a.m. to noon and 2 to 4 p.m. Free. FMI: call Pastor Richard Wright at 998-2367.

Saturday, March 27

April Fools' Pole, Paddle and Paw Race for two-person teams in costume at Sunday River Inn & Cross country Ski Center (824-2410).

7 p.m. — "Iscariot,"

original play performed by Irish actor Charles Hughes at Community Arts Center, 155 Emery Street, Berlin, N.H. One-man show tells story of Judas searching for forgiveness after 2,000 years. Tickets: \$10.

8 to 11 p.m. — Old Fashioned Dance

at Locke Mills Town Hall with music by The Richard Felt Orchestra. Proceeds benefit Greenwood Historical Society. FMI: Joyce Hathaway at 674-2259.

Monday, March 29

6:30 p.m. — Organizational meeting to reestablish West Paris Fire Department Auxiliary at West Paris Fire Station. All welcome. FMI: 674-2987.

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(22) SportsCrt.	NHL Hockey: Wild at Bruins or Maple Leafs at Flyers			Timeless	U.S. Poker Champ.					
(34) Star Trek: Next Gener.	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Stripperella	This Just In				
(13) College Basketball: NCAA Tournament First Round - Teams TBA		College Basketball: NCAA Tournament First Round - Teams TBA								
(41) Sports	NASCAR	Best Damn Sports Show Period	FOX One	Sports	Sports	Best Damn Sports Show				
(15) "Mrs. Doubtfire" Cont'd	Scooby	Movie: "Catch Me If You Can"			Hookers: 5 Years Later					
(17) Sister, Sis. Lizzie	Movie: "Motocrossed"			Sister, Sis. Boy World	Kim	Proud				
(18) Movie: "She's the One" Cont'd		Movie: "National Security"		Movie: "Cradle 2 the Grave"						
(20) Sports	PGA	SportsCast	Cowboy Up! The Wild Ride	SportsPlus	ESPN	ESPN				
(44) Golden	Golden	Movie: "A Woman Hunted"		Movie: "To Face Her Past"						
(5) Seinfeld	Friends	Movie: "Wild Wild West"		Movie: "Money Talks"						
(24) Rugrats	SpongeBob	Oddparents	Garcia	Full House	Cosby	Cosby	Roseanne	Roseanne		
(25) "The Longest Day"		Movie: "The Rare Breed"		Movie: "Will Penny"						
(26) JAG	Law & Order		Movie: "Sabrina"							
(27) American Justice	Cold Case Files			With Malice		Third Watch				
(12) Will-Grace	Home Imp.	Movie: "Mad Dog and Glory"		News	Becker	Becker				
(39) Anderson Cooper 360	Paula Zahn Now	Larry King Live	NewsNight-Aaron Brown	Lou Dobbs Tonight						

MONDAY EVENING MARCH 22, 2004										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) King	'70s Show	Parkers	Eve	Girlfriends	Half & Half	News			Blind Date	5th Wheel
(32) 7th Heaven		Movie: "Autumn in New York"			Whose?	Whose?	The 700 Club			
(6) News	Seinfeld	Fear Factor		Las Vegas	Average Joe		News			
(8) Fortune	Jeopardy!	Movie: "NTSB: The Crash of Flight 323"		20/20 Special Edition						
(10) News-Lehrer		Antiques Roadshow	American Experience	Now With Bill Moyers	Charlie Rose					
(22) Women's College Basketball: NCAA		Women's College Basketball: NCAA								
(34) Star Trek: Next Gener.	Star Trek: Next Gener.	WWE Raw								
(13) Friends	Ent. Tonight	Yes, Dear	Still	Raymond	Two Men	CSI: Miami	News			
(41) Sports	NASCAR	The Best Damn Sports Show Period	FOX One	Sports	Sports	Best Damn Sports Show				
(15) Mom and Dad		Movie: "Executive Decision"				Movie: "Escape From L.A."				
(17) Sister, Sis. Lizzie	Movie: "You Wish!"					Sister, Sis. Boy World	Kim	Proud		
(18) "Pretty Woman" Cont'd	Movie: "Two Weeks Notice"			Spoken	Movie: "Half Past Dead"					
(20) Outdoors	Outdoors	NE Journal	Camo Cnt	Divers	The Ride	Fan Attic: Kansas City Royals at Boston Red Sox				
(44) Golden	Golden	Movie: "Wall of Secrets"				"Lies of the Heart: The Story of Laurie Kellogg"				
(5) Seinfeld	Friends	Movie: "Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me"		Super Chef Cook-Off	"Ferris Bueller's Day Off"					
(24) Rugrats	SpongeBob	Oddparents	All That	Full House	Full House	Cosby	Cosby	Roseanne	Roseanne	
(25) Movie: "9 to 5" Cont'd	Movie: "Thelma & Louise"			Movie: "Inventing the Abbotts"						
(26) JAG	Law & Order		Movie: "Spy Game"							Law-Order
(27) American Justice	Biography	Secret, Killer		Airline	Airline	House of Dreams				
(12) Will-Grace	Home Imp.	Movie: "F.I.S.T."		News	Becker	Becker				
(39) Anderson Cooper 360	Paula Zahn Now	Larry King Live	NewsNight-Aaron Brown	Lou Dobbs Tonight						

FRIDAY EVENING MARCH 19, 2004										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) King	'70s Show	Next Top Model	Next Top Model	News	Blind Date	5th Wheel				
(32) 7th Heaven		Movie: "Celeste in the City"		Whose?	Whose?	The 700 Club				
(6) News	Seinfeld	Dateline NBC	Crossing Jordan	News						
(8) Fortune	Jeopardy!	Lopez	Married	Hope	Life-Bonnie	The D.A.	News			
(10) News-Lehrer	Wash Wk	Best of Pledge								
(22) NBA Shootaround		NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at Dallas Mavericks		NBA Basketball: Rockets at Warriors						
(34) Star Trek: Next Gener.	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Movie: "Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home"		CSI: Crime Scn						
(13) College Basketball: NCAA Tournament First Round - Teams TBA		College Basketball: NCAA Tournament First Round - Teams TBA								
(41) Sports	Sports	NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at Dallas Mavericks		Sports	Sports					
(15) Real Sports		Real Time	Movie: "Ghost Ship"	Curb Your Enthusiasm	Real Time					
(17) So Raven	So Raven	Movie: "Going to the Mat"	Movie: "Going to the Mat"	Barbarian						
(18) "What About Bob?"	Movie: "Drive"		Movie: "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets"							
(20) College Hockey		College Hockey: Hockey East Semifinal - Teams TBA		SportsPlus	ESPN					
(44) Merge		Movie: "Catch a Falling Star"		Movie: "Star"						
(5) Seinfeld	Friends	Movie: "What's the Worst That Could Happen?"		Movie: "What's the Worst That Could Happen?"						
(24) Rugrats	SpongeBob	Neutron	Robot	Oddparents	Nickton	Cosby	Cosby	Roseanne	Roseanne	
(25) Escape-Apes		Movie: "The Day the Earth Stood Still"		Movie: "Prophecy"						
(26) Touching Evil Cont'd	Law & Order		Law & Order	Touching Evil		Law & Order				
(27) American Justice	Movie: "Dirty Harry"		Airline	Airline	Third Watch					
(12) Will-Grace	Home Imp.	Movie: "A Walk on the Moon"		News	Becker	Becker				
(39) Anderson Cooper 360	Paula Zahn Now	Larry King Live	CNN Saturday Night	CNN Presents						

WEDNESDAY EVENING MARCH 24, 2004										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30

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AS-IS SPECIALS			
95 Pont SOLD to, AC, Loaded 94 Chevy Lumina 4 Dr, V6, Auto, AC 92 Ford SOLD AC 89 Ford F150 4x4 w/Fisher Plow, 6 Cyl, 5 Spd 89 Jeep Cherokee 4x4, 4 Dr, 6 Cyl, AC, Loaded 89 Jeep Cherokee 4x4, 4 Dr, 6 Cyl, 5 Spd, Pioneer 88 Chevy Spectrum 4 Dr, 4 Cyl, Auto 88 Dodge Aries Wagon 4 Cyl, Auto, Low Miles	Orig. NOW \$2,400 \$1,500 \$2,325 \$1,675 \$1,495 \$950 \$2,995 \$2,200 \$1,925 \$1,500 \$1,750 \$1,250 \$595 \$350 \$1,450 \$750	Model Yr Term APR 2003 up to 60 mos 3.24% 2002 up to 60 mos 3.39% 2001 up to 60 mos 3.74% 2000 up to 60 mos 4.24% 1999 up to 60 mos 4.99% 1998 up to 48 mos 5.49% 97 & Older up to 48 mos 5.99% A 12 payment minimum is required. *Deposits paid in advance **Deposits are due at time of application	Left at Lights

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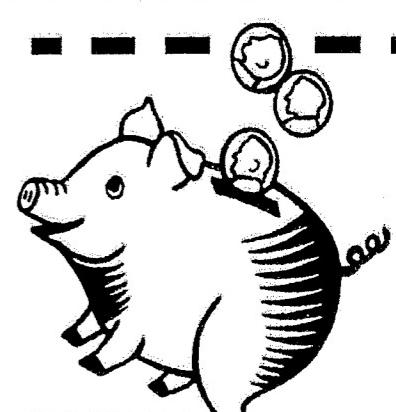
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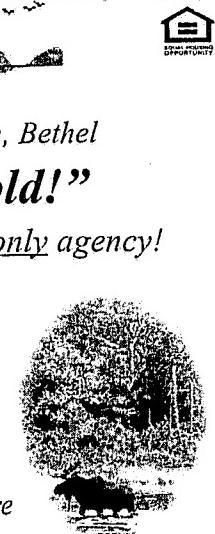
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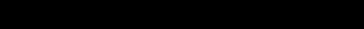
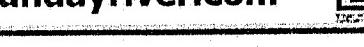
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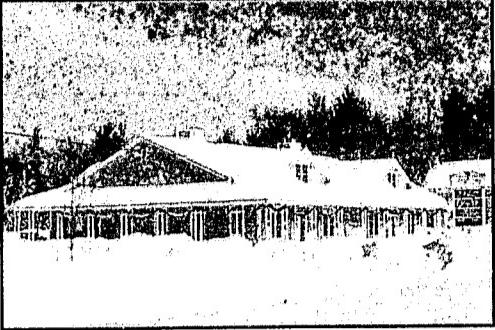
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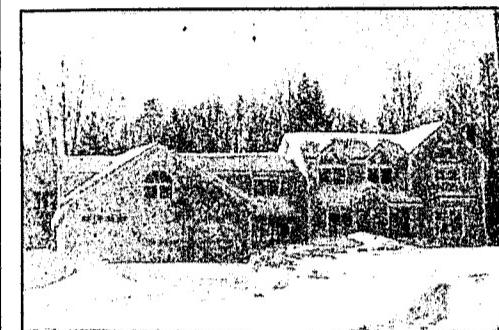
BRIAR LEA - INN & RESTAURANT
Located on highly visible Route 2 between Bethel village and Sunday River Ski Resort, this successful business has been under continuous ownership for 10 years. This attractive colonial features 6 bedrooms, all with private baths and a restaurant with an outstanding reputation with seating for 45. Plenty of parking & private owners quarters. Offered fully furnished as a turnkey business. \$440,000



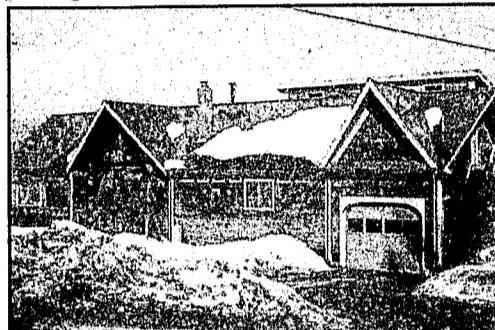
PARKWAY PROFESSIONAL - UNIT 4
Newly built commercial office condominium located on The Parkway. Excellent visibility. Create your own interior layout - state-of-the-art internet hookups, central air, ample paved parking, handicap accessibility. \$137,900



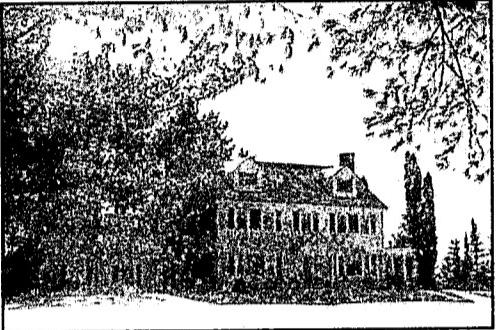
CHARMING PROPERTY - MAIN STREET
Charming home in the center of Bethel currently operating as a B&B. Many possibilities with 7 bedroom/private bath main house, 3 bedroom apartment, plus an efficiency apartment and retail space. \$479,000



CONVENIENT CONTEMPORARY HOME
Located close to the village of Bethel, yet on a nice secluded lot on Paradise Road, this spacious five bedroom home has an efficiency apartment and many fine details. Formal dining room, living room with fireplace, sun room overlooking an above ground pool. Three-car oversized garage. Farm pond. Nicely landscaped yard. \$399,000



QUALITY DESIGNED CONTEMPORARY
Quality designed contemporary located on paradise Road. Open floor plan with many customized details including mahogany post and beams, newly installed hardwood floors and tile floors. Large gourmet kitchen, screened-in porch with mountain views, efficiency apartment. \$319,000



PROMINENT HOME ON PARADISE HILL
Situated on over 2 acres with stunning western Maine mountain views. This hard to come by village home offers 5 oversized bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, custom black walnut kitchen cabinets, fireplace, hardwood floors and a screened-in porch. \$429,000



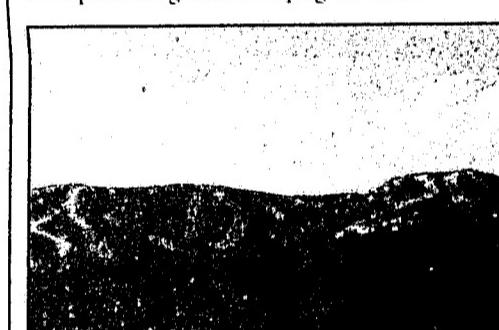
PRIVACY AND VIEWS!
Wonderful home located on a 5.5 acre lot with beautiful views of Sunday River Ski Resort and surrounding mountains. Eclectic design with lots of charm, farm pond and great landscaping. \$349,000



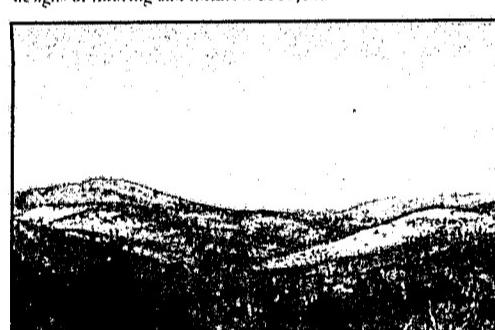
NEW TO BE BUILT SKI HOME AT POWDER RIDGE
This lovely 2,100 square foot home overlooking Sunday River Ski Resort features a stone fireplace, Anderson sliders, spa in the master bedroom, beautiful native pine throughout the first floor, daylight basement - with potential to be constructed to fit your lifestyle requirements. Beautiful deck positioned facing Sunday River. Built to suit your needs. Customer may choose colors and designs of flooring and fixtures. \$369,000



AMAZING LOG HOME AT POWDER RIDGE
This 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home with beautiful views of the Mahoosuc mountain range features unsurpassed British Columbian log construction. Warm and inviting open floor plan includes many special features including Fieldstone fireplace, granite counter tops and expansive windows. A 2-car garage, full basement and a state-of-the-art heating system round out this exceptional home. \$499,000



MAGNIFICENT POWDER RIDGE LOT
Located at desirable and well established Powder Ridge subdivision, this 1.18 acre lot has incredible dead-on views of the ski slopes. An easily accessible location on a quiet cul-de-sac on a privately paved road. It doesn't get any better than this. The prime spot for your dream vacation home! Lot #3. \$180,000



SWAN HILL AT INTERVALE LOT
Beautiful 2 acre lot with unsurpassed mountain views. Town maintained road, power to be brought in. Survey to be provided by seller. Taxes to be determined. \$79,000



PINE BLUFF SUBDIVISION
Two remaining lots in the Pine Bluff subdivision. 5+ acre wooded lots nice mountain views and privacy.
Lot 3: \$29,500 | Lot 9: \$28,000



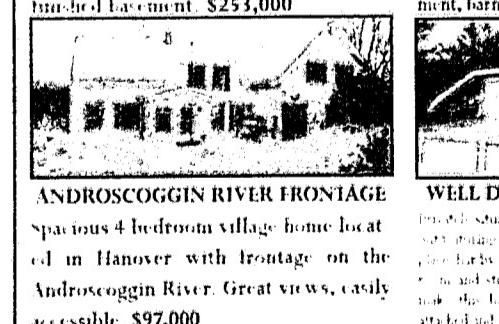
NEWLY BUILT BETHEL HOME
Newly built home located in Bethel village within walking distance of town amenities. Three levels, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths plus spacious family room and finished basement. \$253,000



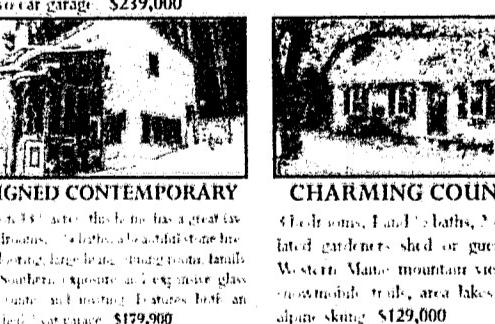
WELL MAINTAINED SPACIOUS HOME
Located in the village of Bethel, this home has nice woodwork, hardwood floors, large kitchen with family room, dining room, sunny living room, total 4 bedrooms, 2 baths. In law apartment, barn. Two car garage. \$239,000



CHARMING NEW ENGLANDER
Charming home located south of Bethel. Beautiful wood floor throughout. Country kitchen, 4 bed rooms, 1 1/2 baths, attached shed. A great residential or vacation home. \$155,000



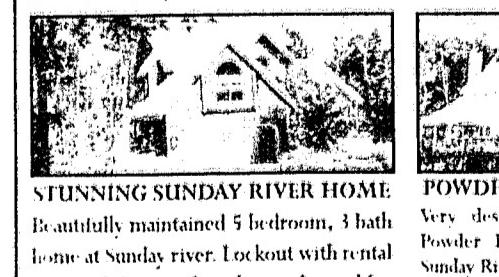
ANDROSCOGGIN RIVER FRONTAGE
Spacious 4 bedroom village home located in Hanover with frontage on the Androscoggin River. Great views, easily accessible. \$97,000



WELL DESIGNED CONTEMPORARY
Brand new, started 10/03, after the buyer has a great view of the Androscoggin River. 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, 2 car garage, 2 decks, 2 fireplaces, granite counter tops, stainless steel appliances, etc. Expansive glass look. Large sunroom and sunroom. Features both an attached and detached garage. \$179,900



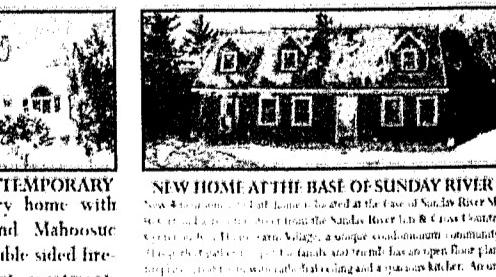
CHARMING COUNTRY HOME
4 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, 3 car garage and insulated gardeners shed or guest house. Beautiful Western Maine mountain views. Easy access to x-country trails, area lakes cross country and alpine skiing. \$129,000



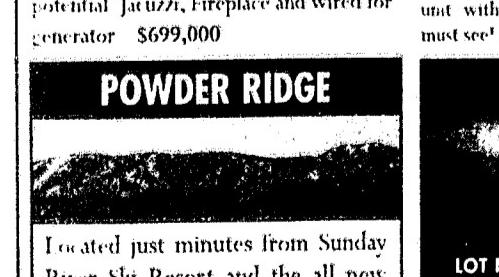
POWDER RIDGE CONDOMINIUM
Very desirable condominium located at Powder Ridge with wonderful views of Sunday River Ski Resort. Spacious three level unit with fireplace. Partially furnished. A must see! \$279,900



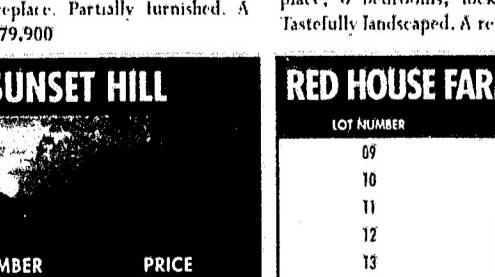
CUSTOM BRIGHT AND CONTEMPORARY
Spacious, bright, contemporary home with expansive Sunday River and Mahoosuc mountain views. Beautiful double-sided fireplace, 6 bedrooms, lock out apartment. Tastefully landscaped. A real find! \$849,000



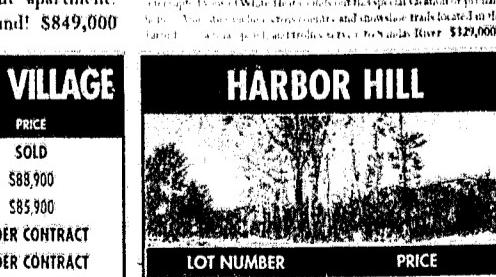
NEW HOME AT THE BASE OF SUNDAY RIVER
Newly built, custom built, 3 car garage, 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, sunroom, deck, fireplace, granite counter tops, stainless steel appliances, etc. Expansive glass look. Large sunroom and sunroom. Features both an attached and detached garage. \$129,000



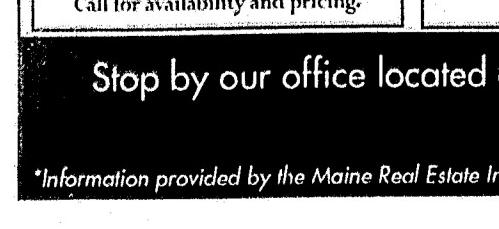
POWDER RIDGE
Located just minutes from Sunday River Ski Resort and the all new Sunday River Golf Club which promises to redefine mountain golf. Powder Ridge at Sunday River is the premier spot for your future vacation home or primary residence in the mountains. Call for availability and pricing.



LOT NUMBER	PRICE
01	\$69,000
02	\$47,000
03	UNDER CONTRACT
04	SOLD
05	\$65,000
10	\$53,000
11	\$69,000
12	SOLD



LOT NUMBER	PRICE
09	SOLD
10	\$88,900
11	\$85,900
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16	SOLD
17	UNDER CONTRACT
18	SOLD
19	\$72,900
20	\$78,500
21	\$74,900
22	UNDER CONTRACT



LOT NUMBER	PRICE
01	\$26,000
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06	\$23,000
07	SOLD
08	\$22,000

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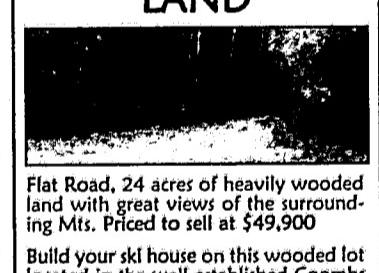
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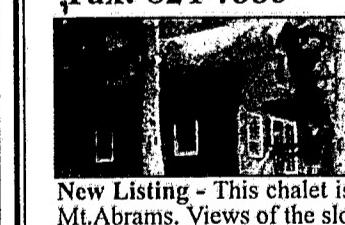
Newly built home in Sunday River Village. Four bedroom, three bath home with tile floors, kit with all stainless Jenn-Air app., and Corian counters. Basement is full lock-out apartment with 3 br, 3/4 bath, kit, laundry and living rm. \$290,000

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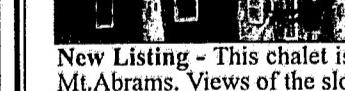
Flat Road, 24 acres of heavily wooded land with great views of the surrounding Mts. Priced to sell at \$49,900. Build your ski house on this wooded lot located in the well established Coombs Village, only a stones throw away from Sunday River. SOLD



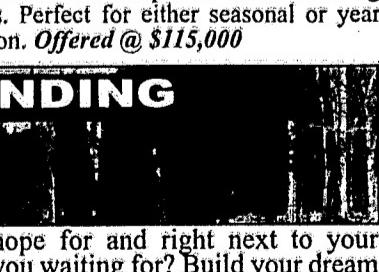
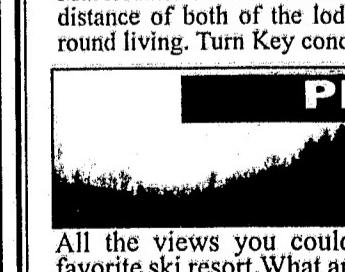
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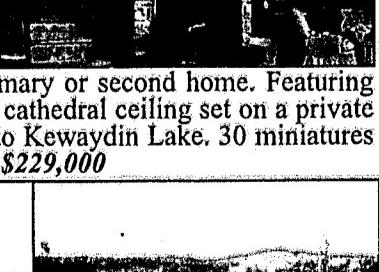
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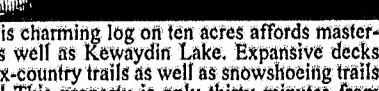
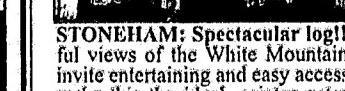
New Listing - This chalet is nestled in the ski village at the base of Mt. Abrams. Views of the slopes from the front porch. Within walking distance of both of the lodges. Perfect for either seasonal or year round living. Turn Key condition. Offered @ \$115,000



All the views you could hope for and right next to your favorite ski resort. What are you waiting for? Build your dream vacation or year round home on this 1.14 acre lot on Douglass Rd. in Powder Ridge. Offered @ \$37,000



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Obituaries

PAULINE M. O'LEARY

Pauline M. (Vallee) O'Leary, 70, wife of John J. O'Leary Sr. and daughter of Joseph and Annie Gallant Vallee, went home to be with the Lord on March 10, 2004.

Born in Rumford, March 16, 1933, she attended Rumford schools and was a graduate of Stephens High School, Class of 1952.

She will be greatly missed by her devoted and loving husband of 50 years. They were married Nov. 28, 1953 in Rumford. She was a lifelong resident of Rumford, although she enjoyed many winters in Florida with John.

She also loved being surrounded by her large family and her favorite pastimes were playing cards and beating John at Skip Bo. She also loved camping together with all of her children and grandchildren every summer at Cathedral Pines.

Besides her husband John, she is survived by seven children, John J. and his wife, Sheryl of Rumford; Anne and her husband Arthur Clifford of Rumford; Patricia and her husband Jack Drakus of Andover, Kevin and his wife Diane of Rumford; Philip and his wife Tina of Rumford; Louis of Rumford and Marcie and her husband Thom Surette of Rumford; 14 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and three brothers, Gerard Vallee of Rumford, Charles Vallee of Georgia, and Rudy Vallee of Sharon, Tenn. She was predeceased by two brothers, Laurence and Norman Vallee;

sister, Germaine Royer; and great-grandson, Lucas Vining.

A Memorial Mass was held Saturday, March 13, at St. Athanasius St. John Church. Spring burial will be at St. John Cemetery. Should friends desire, donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

ANDREW ARON

Andrew William Aron of Fort Meade, Fla., died of pneumonia and heart failure on Friday, March 5, 2004, at home. He was 87.

Born in Bridgeport, Conn., on Oct. 21, 1916, he came to Fort Meade from Upton 14 years ago. He was a crane operator for Bridgeport Brass. He was a Navy veteran. He was a member of First Assembly of God in Fort Meade.

Mr. Aron is survived by his wife, Mathilde Gottier Aron; daughter, Charlotte David and her husband John of Pepperell, Mass.; sons, John and his wife Marie of Upton and Andy and his wife Leslie of Upton; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

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Saturday, March 20

10am-2pm

Bus Garage

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Jason Howe's Eagle
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Engagements

**Cole — Cotter**

Elton and Christine Cole of Bryant Pond are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Megan Kathleen, to Patrick Brigham Cotter, son of Peter and Kathy Cotter of Cape Elizabeth.

Megan is a 2002 graduate of the University of Southern Maine and is currently employed by Hannaford Brothers.

Patrick is a 1995 graduate of Cape Elizabeth High School and is the owner and operator of Deck Medic Inc.

An Oct. 2, 2004 wedding is planned.

Births

Leo Amaral Sr. and Teresa Stolzenburg of Mexico are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Maria Lynn Amaral, born on Jan. 27, 2004 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 8 pounds, 8 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Audrey and Jim Wheeler of Waterford.

Paternal grandparents are Maria and Alfredo Amaral of Azores.

Carolyn Graney and Michael Wilson of Greenwood are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Thomas Daniel Graney Wilson, born on Feb. 23, 2004 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 6 pounds, 13 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Thomas and Joan Graney of Cape Elizabeth.

Paternal grandparents are Warren and Martha Wilson of Windham.

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TOWN OF BETHEL

The Town of Bethel announces that Nomination Papers will be available at the Town Office on Monday March 15, 2004 for the following elected positions:

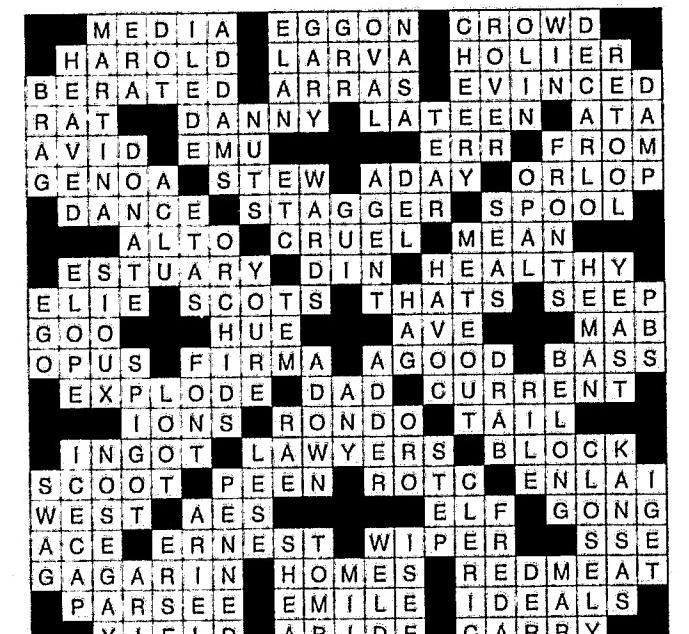
Two Selectmen - Three year term

Two Assessor - Three year term

Two School Board Directors - Three year term

Nomination papers need to be returned to the Town office no later than 5:00 PM on April 26, 2004.

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